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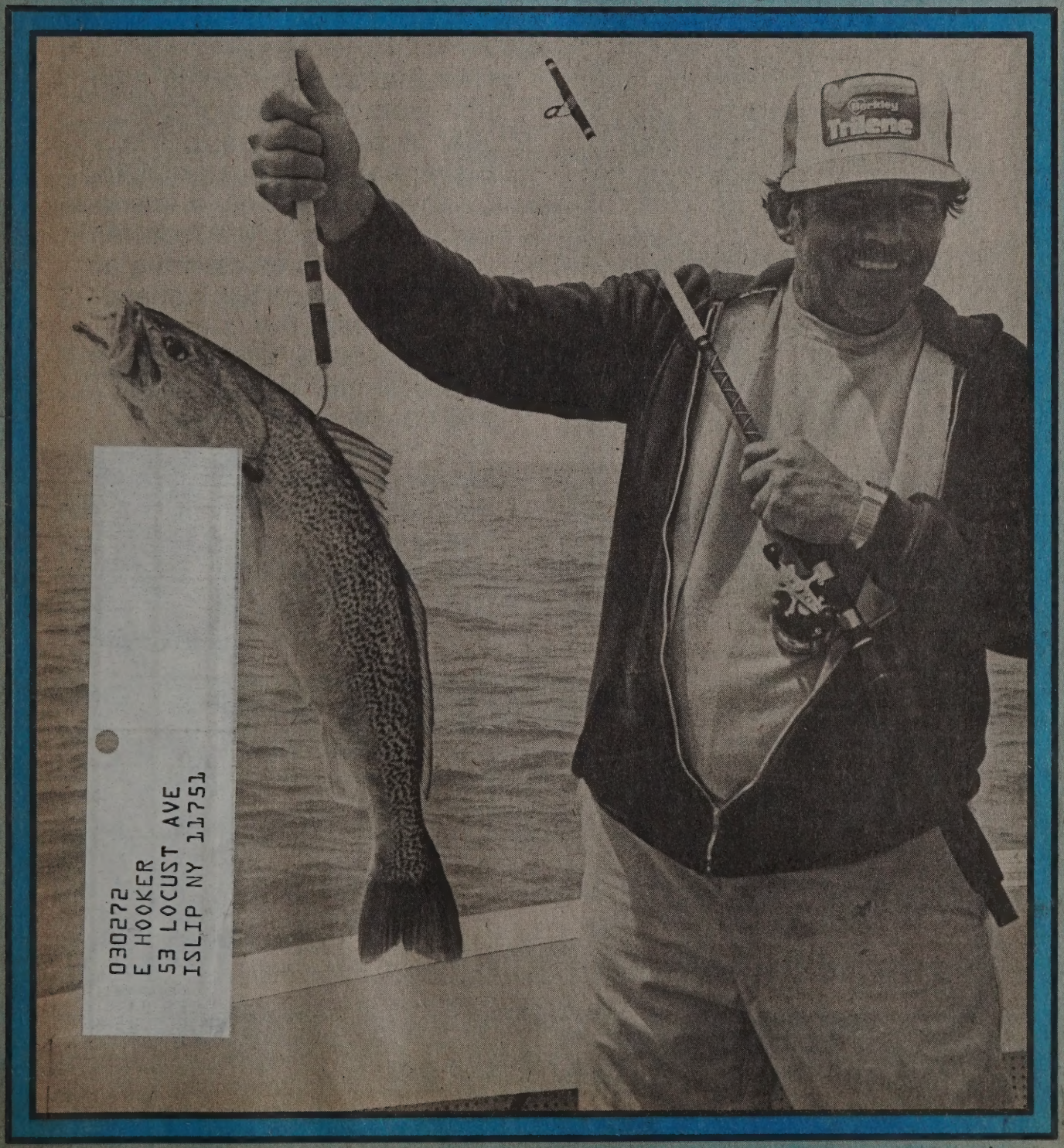


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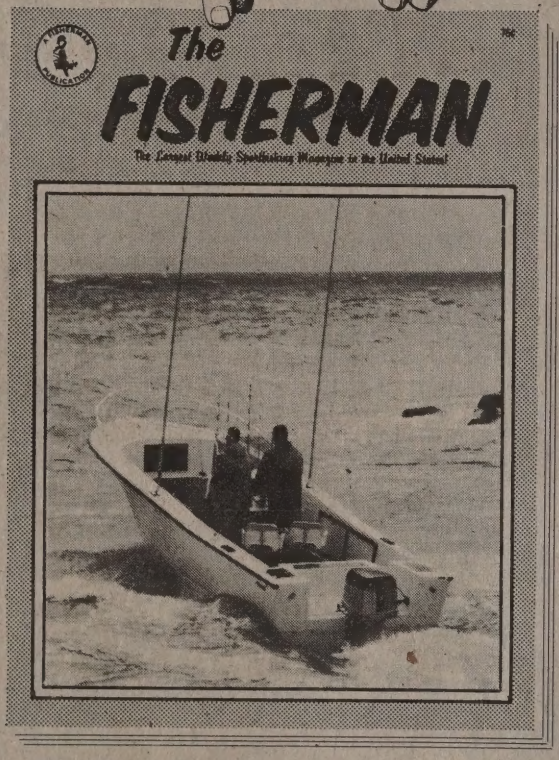


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The ever popular weakfish goes by several aliases depending on his size or where you catch him. Many species which frequent our local waters suffer from the same identity crisis. The first of a two part article on page 19 should help unravel some of the mysteries surrounding fish nomenclature.

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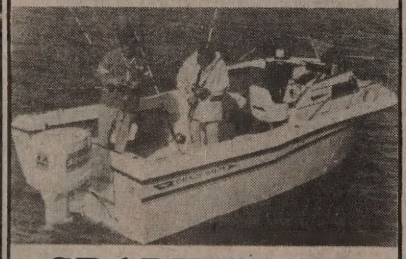

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*NAME OF THIS TIN SQUID?*

I am sending you a drawing of a tin squid a friend gave me. Have you ever seen one like this? To tell you more about this squid: I got it at Montauk from an old-timer. I think it was used at one time before the spin reels came about. And you being an old-time fisherman may have used, even seen one. If you did, please let me know its name and who made them. And I am sure somebody at the LIF has seen one.

Thanks a lot. *F. Pajkowski, Bklyn, New York*

*Decades ago block tin squid were much more popular than they are today. There are many reasons for this which I will not go into now. They were called "tins" because they contained a lot of the metal tin. In days gone by tin was much less expensive than today. Tin allowed for a bright finish along with less weight than lead. Today's metal lures are chrome plated metal obviating the need for tin. Also, today's plated lures do not need to be polished free of an oxidized coating. In years past then, there were many companies that made tins and many proficient surf fishermen poured their own during the long winter months. True, some of these tins became legendary, such as the Charlie Graves tins, but most were serviceable and caught fish. The picture you have drawn is of a "keeled" tin. That is, it has a stabilizing keel on one side. This design was very popular but unfortunately produced by dozens, if not hundreds of sources. You say an old-timer gave it to you. Then perhaps he made it himself or he took it from an arsenal that's decades old. We can't pinpoint the name of the maker of the lure for you and the chances are no one can. There is a chance, however. Some of those who made these lures stamped the mold with an insignia (sort of a brand). Look for one and if there is one we may be able to pinpoint the maker.* Dr. W.A. Muller.

*DO GILLNETTERS REALIZE?*

My daily seasonal job is Ocean Lifeguard for the Town of Oyster Bay. On July 29, 1982 (the day after reading a recommendation in "Chum Lines"), I arrived at work, finding that in the immediate vicinity of our *bathing area a gillnetter* is hauling his net. This net when I first observed it was 50 yards from the shore line. Further observation, I note that there is not a market pole on the end buoy and there is a surfer in very close proximity of it. Do gillnetters *understand* the dangers of this *weapon* they are using to make their livings?? If for any reason they can't return on time, as they do not stay by these nets, this weapon can come into the *surf zone*, which is where unknowing bathers and surfers will be taken to a watery grave. God bless the Gateway Striper Club in their urging. I also support the "Parks Land Bill #A11801." Sincerely, *Gerard A. Lambert, Massapequa, NY.*

P.S.—On Aug. 1, 1982 and as I was leaving the beach at 8PM, that very moment a gillnetter (the same boat) is dropping his net. Only this time the net is *10 yards* from the shore line. When will this stop!!

*Thanks for the letter. Your comments echo the observations and concerns of many of our readers. Let's begin by telling all, that gillnetting within 1000 feet of the beach west of the Sore Thumb is illegal. Therefore, nets should not be set there (50 yards or 150 feet off the beach) period! We have been aking when such sightings are made that readers report them immediately to the DEC, Stony Brook. Call 516-751-7900 and ask for Lt. Mead. Provide him with date, time of day, exact location (Gilgo, Tobay, etc.), number on the boat if you can see it or net flag marker I.D., color of the boat, style of boat, name of boat. Yes, gillnets are dangerous. In addition to being a danger to swimmers they are also navigation hazards. Gillnets have a way of being untended and lost should a storm come up. In illegal areas they also have a way of being unmarked and become entangled and snared by boat propellers. That is why some states have moved aggressively to either ban or curtail gillnetting. It has been documented as the most despised commercial fishing methodology by fishermen, boaters, and tourists. We need to muster our enthusiasm and strength in order to do the same in New York.* Dr. W.A. Muller.

*TEXT OF REPLY TO BALDWIN R & G CLUB REGARDING "DUMPING" OF SHARKS*

In response to Joseph C. Pellegrini of the Baldwin Rod & Gun Club wherein he complains about the "dumping" of sharks caught in tournaments on Long Island (Chum Lines, Issue #33).

Your "plea" was made to *all* the *organizations and clubs* sponsoring Shark Tournaments and therefore it was grossly unfair to point up any *ONE* club as being guilty of the practices you decry, therefore creating some great misconceptions.

We wish, for our part, to inform both YOU and Long Island Fisherman readers of the following facts:

1. Our tournament rules *limit* weighing in of only 3 sharks, none less than 75 lbs.

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3. A representative from the N.Y.

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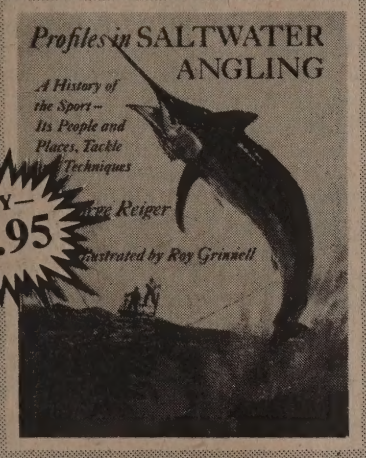
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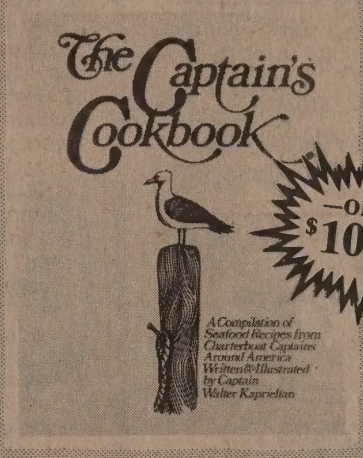
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State Conservation Dept. was present to oversee our practices. Furthermore, Marine Biologists from Narragansett Labs and other local universities are invited to dissect and study the sharks for vital information in marine research. Their specimens, of necessity, have to be disposed of.

4. Several of our club members "steaked" many of the sharks and offered them to spectators who accepted most of them.

5. As for the Freeport Fishing Festival: they are able to sell at least most of what is caught because their tournament involves *four species of fish*—bluefish, tuna and billfish as well as shark and these first three are *readily marketable.*

You state "most species of sharks are edible if dressed properly." How many people know this and would savor it? Institution kitchens don't want to bother dressing shark carcasses.

Would the Baldwin Rod & Gun Club, since they have taken issue with this, care to educate the instutitions as to the availability and edibility of sharks? *Paul Murray, President, Hudson Anglers, Inc.*

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# HOW TO ENJOY BLUEFISH

## by Gary Diamond

More often than not, a bluefish is thrown away, given to a neighbor or buried in the garden than any fish I can think of. The truth of the matter is, blues are darned good eating—just as long as you know how to clean and cook them.

Although the blue is somewhat oily due to his diet of menhaden, the texture of the meat is relatively firm and mild tasting. Just like any other meal, it's only palatable if properly prepared to suit the taste of the persons consuming the dish. Surely you wouldn't cook Filet Mignon in the same manner as pork chops, so why would you prepare bluefish like lobster or flounder. Each and every fish has one method of cooking that makes it an outstanding dish. Here's a few recipes that really will turn on your taste buds that are quick and easy.

There is one particular job that must be done first before any fish is cooked: cleaning. As I said earlier, the blue is somewhat oily, but most of these oils can be removed by skinning and filleting the fish and removing the dark meat from the fillets. By doing this, you have removed most of the oils from the fish which allows the flavor of the meat to come through. As with any fish, the fresher the fish and the faster you get it on ice when caught, the better it will taste. A few anglers even go to the trouble to bleed the bluefish before it goes into the cooler, but experience has taught me that this is not only a messy procedure, but makes little or no difference in the taste. After the cleaning job is complete, wash the fillets in cold water and you're ready to start cooking.

### BLUEFISH CAKES

**2 lbs. bluefish fillets**
**2 eggs**
**4 tbs. mayonnaise**
**4 slices bread, crust removed**
**2 tbs. parsley flakes**

**Bake the fillets on a broiling pan for 25 minutes at 325°, let cool and place in a mixing bowl. Break the slices of bread into small cubes and add to the mixing bowl with the rest of the ingredients. Mix thoroughly and form into cakes about the size of a small hamburger. Fry in an iron skillet coated with vegetable oil and serve just as you would crab cakes—there's not a soul in the house who won't ask for seconds.**

### BLUEFISH IMPERIAL

**4 medium sized fillets**
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**Bake the fillets in a preheated oven at 325° for 25 minutes. Coat with about 1/4 inch of mayonnaise and sprinkle seasoning on top to suit taste. Then broil for about five minutes until brown. Fantastic.**

### SMOKED BLUEFISH

**2 qts. water**
**1/2 cup non-iodized salt**
**1/2 cup dark brown sugar**
**1 tsp. garlic powder**
**1 tsp. onion powder**
**1 tsp. lemon extract or juice**

**Cut fillets into squares of about 4"x4" and soak in above solution overnight in a plastic container placed in the refrigerator. Remove from brine solution and place on a broiler pan coated with Pam and bake at 325° for about 25 minutes. Remove the fillets from the oven and place in a smoker using two pans of hickory chips for three hours. Remove from smoker and serve hot or cold. It's hard to beat.**

### BLUEFISH SALAD

**2 lbs. smoked bluefish**
**4 tbs. mayonnaise**
**1 tbs. sweet pickle relish**
**1/4 cup chopped celery**

**Mix the above ingredients just as you would tuna salad and serve in the same manner. It makes a sandwich into a gourmet's delight.**

* * *

Of all these recipes, my favorite is most definitely smoked bluefish. On a cold winter's day, while my favorite football team is getting their brains kicked out, I lean back in my easy chair, open a pack of smoked blues, pop the top on a light beer and dream about the early run of blues in the Chesapeake that provided me with this tasty dish.


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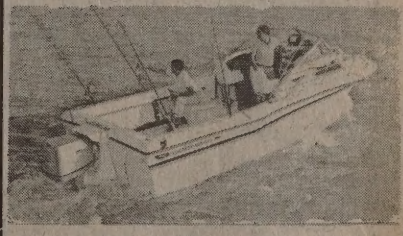

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# PRACTICAL COLD WATER PROTECTION

## by Charley Soares

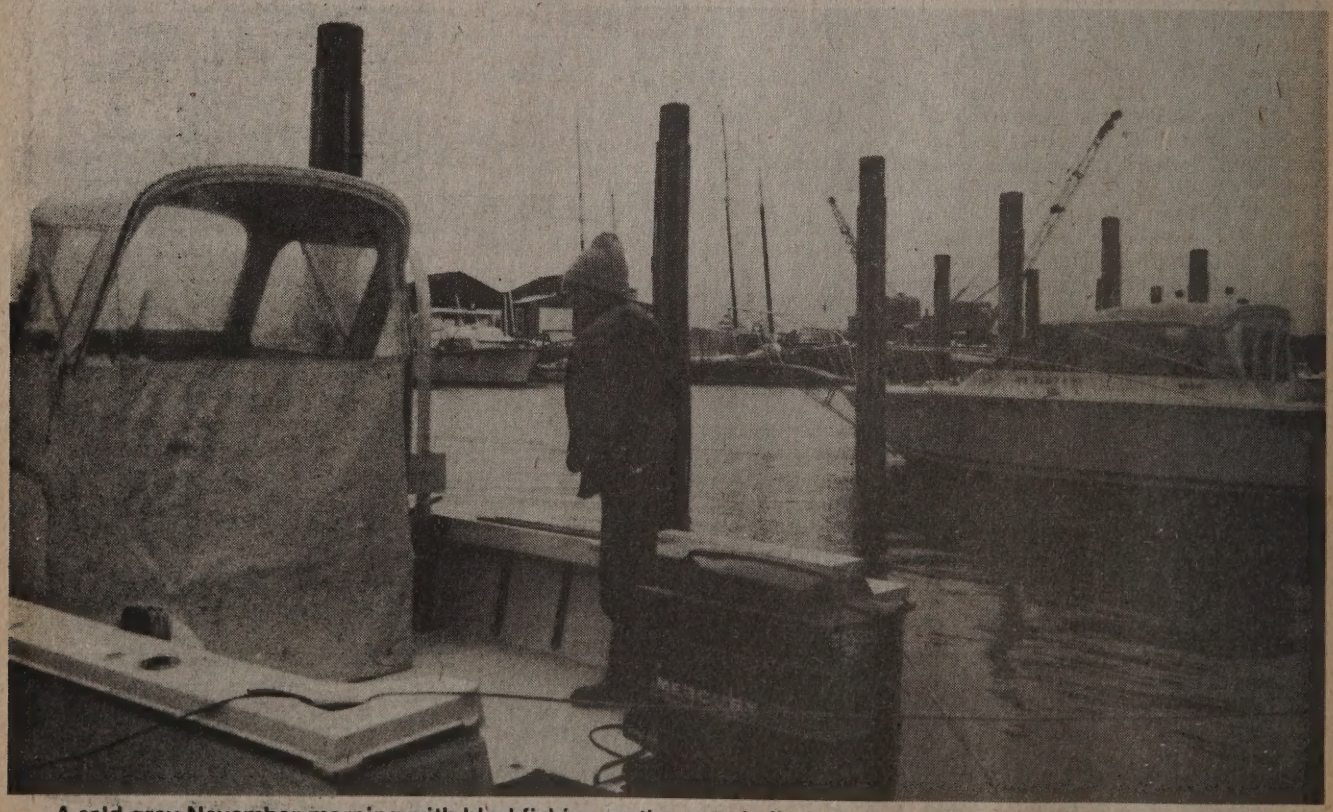
Times, terms and technology change, yet many things remain the same. A case in point is terminology. The word "environmentalist" has been used and abused, as well as those individuals who truly qualify for that distinction. A more recent equally popular and overworked word is "hypothermia." The common denominator of both is that speaking about them is one thing; doing something is quite another.

Not many small boat operators can afford to purchase or store a survival suit, and many mistakenly believe they are unnecessary. Try to convince those who owe their lives to having worn one of that misconception. I don't mind a little spray in July or an "intentional" swim in August, but I prefer to take my ice water in a nautical tumbler mixed with Beefeaters and a twist of lime.

Despite what at times appears to be a media blitz, there is still a great deal of misconceptions about flotation gear—its roles, and specific applications in safe boating. I have been guilty of not wearing a life vest for all the wrong reasons. I have found them hot, bulky, confining and downright ugly. With new materials and innovations my excuses no longer hold water, as the newer vests are attractive, cool, comfortable and allow tremendous freedom of action.

I will not attempt to cover the five types of personal floationg devices and suggest you read state and federal regulations and manufacturers' literature to fully acquaint yourself with the practical and legal relation for your size boat. Our family spends a great deal of time on the water in the early spring and winter when water temperatures are extremely low. This has always been a cause of concern for me. I have always been concerned about the need to wear heavy clothing and down vests for comfort while fishing during these seasons.

A number of years ago, when floatcoats became available, I purchased one and used it during the cold weather. When my wife was aboard on cold weather trips she wore the coat which was large and restrictive and did not allow her the freedom of movement she needed to work a jig. I admit to a few nightmares about falling over with boots, wool pants and a full complement of duck hunting clothing and wondered about my chances of staying afloat. Last year I saw an advertisement for Stearns New Type III Industrial Vest, which offered all the features I was looking for in a PFD, supplantng the need for a down or other filled overvest over heavy clothing. It was warm, non-restrictive, and comfortable having been designed for persons working on or near the water, such as bridge or barge workers. It had pockets and was of the Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) which is preferred floatation material and by far the best. It possesses the softness and durability that makes it most comfortable, functional and reliable.



**A cold gray November morning with blackfishing on the agenda finds the author's son Peter warm and mobile in his fluorescent orange STEARNS INDUSTRIAL (PVC) vest. The two front pockets provide a place for hand warmers or gloves. This type PFD takes the place of the traditional down vests and provides warmth, visibility flotation.**

Because of its drapability it provides superior Hypothermia protection. Each cell is independent and buoyant and even when cut into pieces, the fragments will stay afloat. Unlike Kapok and polyethylene, mice and vermin avoid superior PVC foam. We avoided advising which is the best PFD for your particular needs, suggesting you choose them on the basis of that which provides the greatest protection and comfort for your particular activity.

In our case, we were looking for a vest type PFD with all the aforementioned features and EXTENDED HYPOTHERMIA PROTECTION (EHP). With the risk of whipping a dead horse, those not well acquainted with the dangers of Hypothermia should be aware of the fact that it is the single largest killer of outdoor sportsmen. "Hypothermia" means subnormal body core temperature. In this particular instance we are referring to immersion Hypothermia involving loss of body heat to water. Recent and extensive research has indicated that the human body has an "inner core" with an approximate constant temperature which must be maintained for the vital organs, including the heart and brain, to function properly.

Hypothermia is the chain of events associated with prolonged exposure, shivering and loss of body temperature caused by immersion in cold water (water less than 70° F) which should dispel another fallacy that cold water is that of 40° F or less. If the body core temp drops more than 20° (down to 78.6F), death will follow.

Without delving into highly sophisticated and technical data, the chilling facts are as follows: Maximum shivering will just about maintain heat balance in water at a water temperature of 68° F and the average man when immersed in water loses precious body core heat through exercise. I cannot recall the water temperatures, even in the upper bay, reaching the mid-70s this year and I don't believe I have ever fished for flounder or cod when the water temperatures were much above mid-50s. Vests of the PVC foam construction can be credited with lifesaving not only through their buoyancy, but their Hypothermia protection. A full PFD coat, with long sleeves provides further protection and insulation to the arms, increasing body core coverage. Remember: A SNUG FIT IS ESSENTIAL FOR MAXIMUM PROTECTION to prevent heat loss while trapping body heat.

When fall bass fishing, especially alone in the small boat, I feel a lot more secure and comfortable in the Stearns Industrial Vest. They are not cheap, but you don't measure your safety or human life in monetary terms. Fishermen, duck hunters and those afloat in the fall and spring would be wise to equip their craft with this form of PFD.

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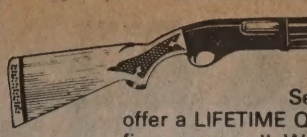

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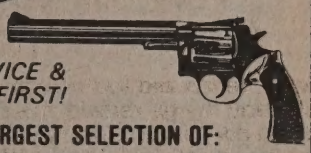

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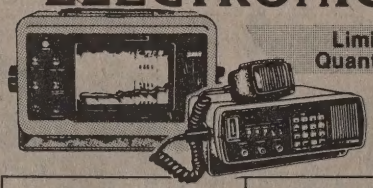

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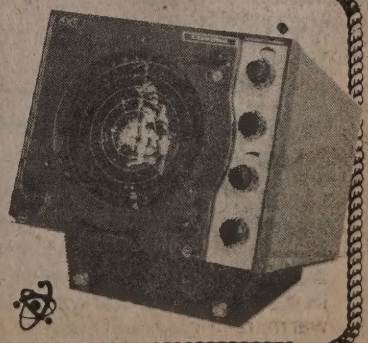

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# THE GARRACK:
## ALTERNATIVE ROD STORAGE
### *by Guy Decatrel*

What are you doing about storage space for your prized collection of fishing rods?

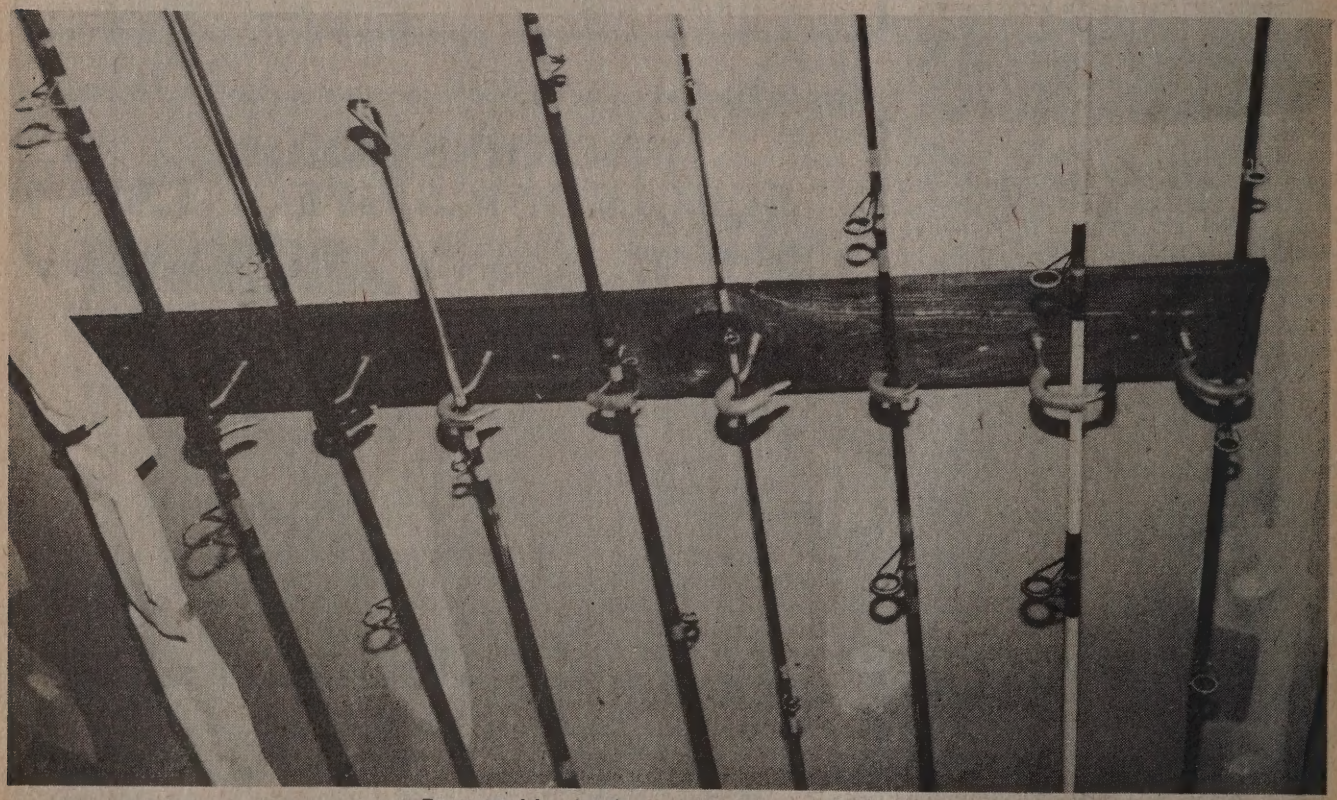
Do you lack basement space or spare storage space for your fishing sticks? Is the garage too loaded or too untidy for this function? The wife won't allow you to proudly display those sticks anywhere in the house? (Can't blame her!)

Do you dare shove those rods in a closet after someone has already closed the door on one of those valuable and carefully wrapped guides?

For whatever the reason, if you are lacking in a safe and organized boundary for your sticks, I'd like to offer an alternative I've come to call a "Garrack." The name comes from a physical rack installation on the ceiling of my garage, thus the term "Garrack."

You may ask why the ceiling? Simple; I don't have "safe" storage room for this purpose anywhere else but the ceiling.

The Garrack is a case of necessity being the mother of invention. My problem began after moving from a home with a full basement, where I had a rack mounted on the exposed support beams for the storage we are discussing. My rods were organized, easily accessible and out of the way. At my new home, I ran into a



**Protected hooks that won't damage the rod.**

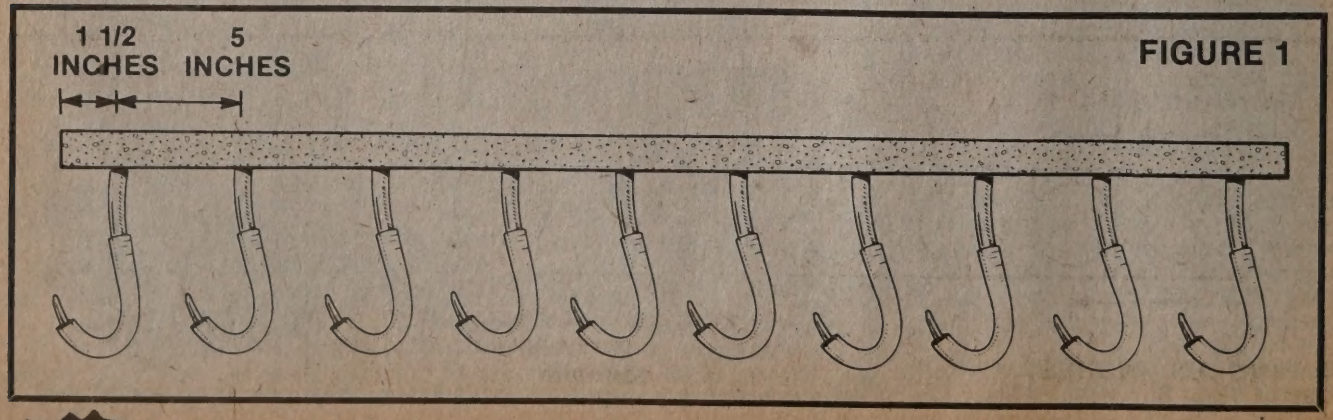



**FIGURE 1**

problem: no basement. The one-car garage also did not help since it is stuffed full. I once looked up at the ceiling and realized the availability of space there and went to work.

Unfortunately, accessibility is not as convenient, but there was no alternative and the Garrack would do the intended job—to store the rods in an organized fashion and to protect them from damage.

A Garrack can be easily built and installed within an hour or less. Following is a sample example of components required to store 10 poles. I say sample, since you could have larger or similar needs and should adjust accordingly.

**A.** 2, 1x4 four feet long pine boards
**B.** 10 large open-eye hooks with lag thread ends
**C.** 40 inches of surgical tubing (to be cut as in #2)
**D.** two 1½ inch corner brace (L-shaped brackets)
**E.** two 1/2 inch size wood screws
**F.** If you plan to mount ceiling studs, you need four 8x2 wood screws. If into sheet rock, you need four 1/8x2 inch toggle bolts.
**G.** Wood hole cutter for a three inch hole (could be 2½'' if you wish)

**Assembling the Components:**

**1.** Measure spacing and mount the open-eye hooks from Item B as shown in Illus. #1, starting 1.5 inches from either end of one of the 1x4 pine board mentioned in Item A.

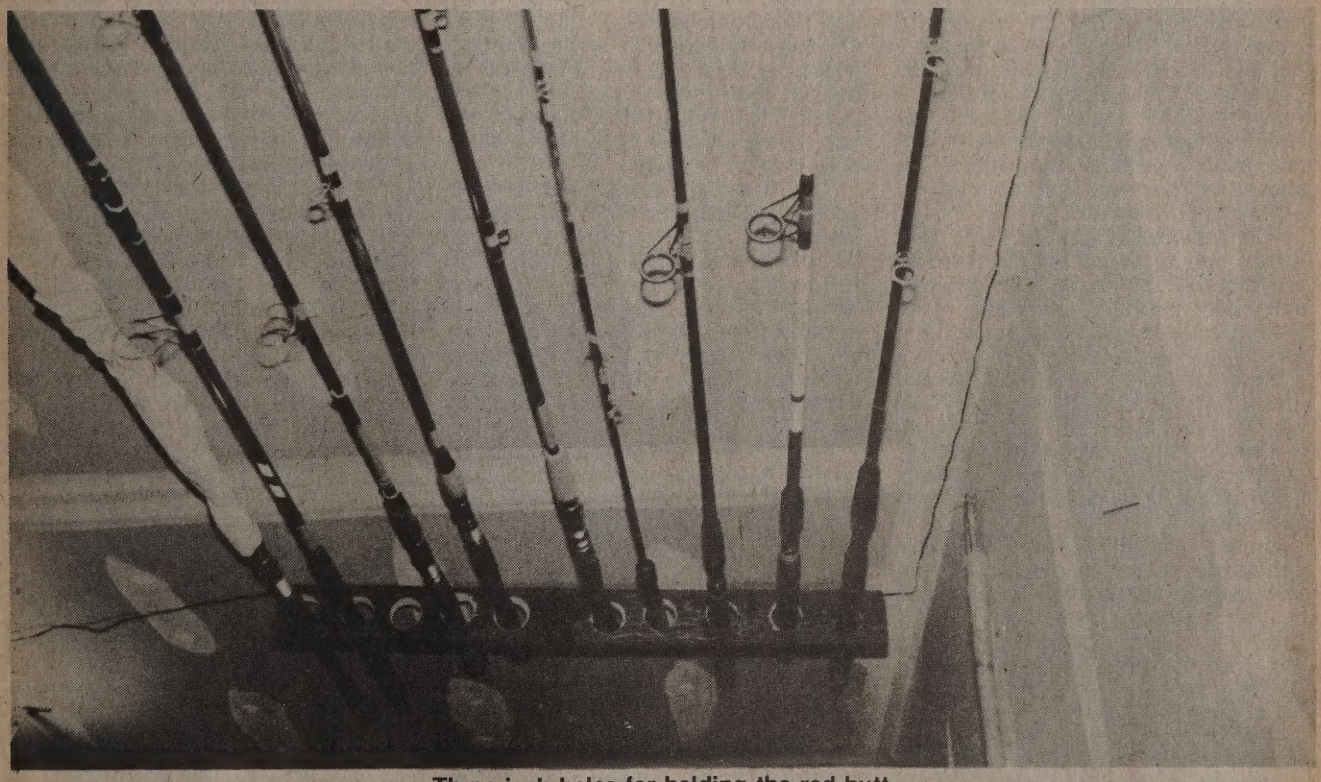
**2.** Cut 10, four inch lengths of tubing from the surgical tubing mentioned in Item C. Slide these lengths onto the open-eye hooks. This will serve to protect your sticks from the metal surface. Hint: To make this step easier, you may want to spray the inside of the tube with a lubricant such as a silicone spray or simply dip the tubes into a solution of dish washing detergent or shampoo.

**3.** Using the second 1x4 board from Item A, measure off spacing and cut 10, three inch holes. Use Illus. #2 as a guide for centering the cutouts. These holes will serve to rest your rod handles.

**4.** Mount the L-shaped brackets on the 1x4 you've just completed (the one with the holes). Two brackets must be mounted somewhere on two of the several one inch spacings between the holes (use two 1/2'' screws in Item E). You will have to figure out which of the spacings are best suited to fit your needs based on whether you want stud or sheet rock mounting. With sheet rock, there is no problem, but with the studs, you must space to match the standard industry stud spacing of 16 inches. (See Item F.)

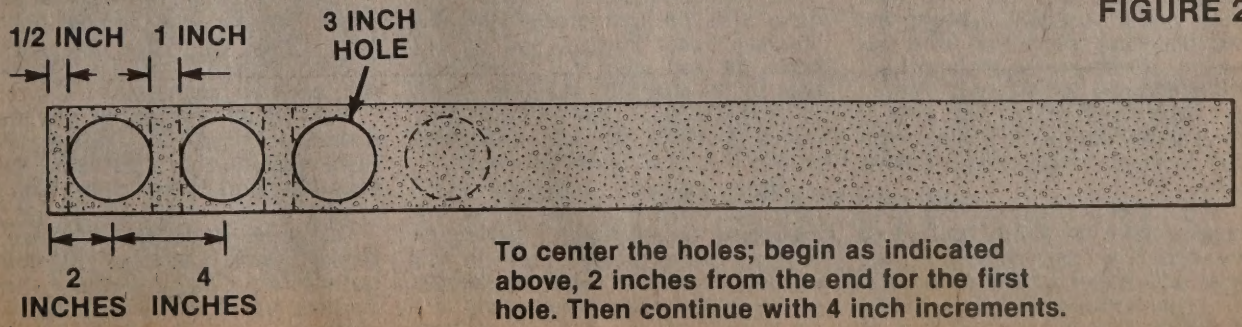
**5.** Your Garrack is now ready for mounting to the selected ceiling location. Mount the side with the holes first and then align the second side with the first.

You now have a safe place where your sticks can reside in an organized fashion and be out of everyone's way. If your rods mean a lot to you and you meet similar lack of space conditions as I described earlier, I hope this alternative satisfies your requirements.



**Three inch holes for holding the rod butt.**

**FIGURE 2**




**To center the holes; begin as indicated above, 2 inches from the end for the first hole. Then continue with 4 inch increments.**

# RECORD KEEPING: THE KEY TO GOOD FISHING!

## by Matt Ahern

**Many fine anglers attribute their success to keeping detailed records of past fishing experiences.**

I've been writing these articles for ten years and occasionally I mention that I keep records of all my fishing trips. (Now you know why my "memory" is so good.) And every time I mention how important record keeping is, as surely as night follows day, fishermen will write and request the finer details on how to go about it.

There's one thing I've noticed when discussing the merits of record keeping with these sinker bouncers—not one has ever stated that such an undertaking is a pastime for foolish fishermen. All seem convinced that keeping fishing records is sure to pay off, and the sooner they start, the sooner will their fishing improve.

How right they are.

For interested fishermen, this article will explain how my records are kept. But let me say right now that only by faithfully recording your fishing trips can you guarantee more fish in your bucket.

Record keeping is not new by any means. Crackerjack fishermen have been doing it for years—and keeping it a secret! If you doubt this, ask any expert striper fisherman. Those I know admit they do keep records—faithfully!

Unless you know one of these gentlemen extremely well, he probably won't answer many questions beyond a simple "yes," or "no." I know I've never been successful in doing so (and who can blame them?). But one thing they are agreed upon: no aid puts more fish on the beach or in the boat than the intelligent use of accurate fishing records.

I've been fishing well over a half-century and my records go back to the late 20s. As you can imagine, fishing as often as I do, I've filled several books. Actually, I began my sinker bouncing before that time, but it wasn't until several years later I got the idea to keep some sort of fishing log. I knew I was going to do a lot of fishing in my lifetime; it was common sense to want to keep tabs on the results.

If ever I feel in the need of a bit of nostalgia, all I do is trot out those early records written in the long ago when I was knee-high to that proverbial grasshopper. Their kid-like observations and deductions, coupled with poor grammar and incomplete sentences, stick out like a sore thumb. But that is besides the point. Few of us have the potential of a Jack London. It matters not. What matters is that these early records helped me to catch more fish.

How valuable are these records to a dedicated fisherman? Well—even today, over 50 years later, I still refer to them. Fish don't change their habits (only fishermen). When I plan a trip to a familiar spot and something doesn't quite ring a bell, I'm likely to dig out those old records for a quick check. They still work. They still put fish in the bucket. That's how valuable they've become.

This doesn't mean it will take 50 years for your records to become valuable to you. Your first entry can be of immediate help, even the following week should you plan fishing the same area. After you have one complete year entered, you're on your way. Truly, for the fisherman who wants to see his catch increase, record keeping is "worth its weight in gold."

Elaborate record-keeping books aren't necessary. All mine are ordinary school composition books, available anywhere for a buck or so. The paper is excellent and holds up well after much heavy-handed pawing, which is something you should take into consideration. Some fishermen I know use specially printed sheets which they keep in loose-leaf folders. I'll tell you about these in a few minutes.

Get in the habit of recording everything of interest. And anything you believe is odd or interesting. My records contain the following happenings: the occasional right-handed fluke and left-handed flounder; the fluke with the light green back; the all-black fluke; the two ling on one hook; the cod with the rubber boot heel in its stomach; the ling whose innards yielded a lady's dinner ring, minus the stone; and the hacklehead with a slice of pickle in its mouth.

These particular notations won't help you catch more fish, true; but they make for interesting reading on cold winter evenings, sure to stir pleasant memories. And who knows, you might want to show proof to a Doubting Thomas.

But what will help you catch more fish are accurate entries—and I'm a stickler on this. Be serious about your record keeping. Don't kid. Especially, don't kid yourself. If you caught but 10 flounder at such and such a place and you feel you should have done better, don't indulge in the pitfall of satisfying your own ego and state that you caught 20.

You may believe that you'll remember when you hedged on the truth—but you won't. Remember, there's a reason why you caught 10 flounder and not 20. Keeping your records truthful and accurate will eventually tell you why 10 flounder were caught instead of 20.

It's very important that you enter weather conditions; wind direction, too. Tide activity should be noted; also be sure to record what part of the tide gave you the best fishing. The approximate weight of the fish should be entered, the largest scale weighed if possible.

Outside of making a notation when the water is abnormally cold or warm, I've never bothered to take water temperature. This is usually in the realm of the striper fisherman and the freshwater angler. You can do so, of course, and I'm sure that if you do you'll find some interesting observations to help you.

To aid you in starting, I've purposely selected a fluke entry from one of my record books, one which I believe will cover what this is all about. It's much longer than average, but because it serves the purpose so well, I've used it. It isn't necessary to make yours as long, unless like this one there's a good reason for it. I'll give you an example of an average length later.

"July 13, 1958...Sunday—alone to Island Park for fluke. Fished Schaeffer's Creek off Tom and Larry's Fishing Station. Took 12. Ten were fair, and two good-sized.

Fish would not go for the usual drifted or jigged bait, and two small fluke were the only ones to fall for an experimenting dead line. No sea robins.

One of the larger fish followed the bait at least four feet off bottom before striking. Hit very hard. Another had a two inch fluke in its stomach.

The day started with showers and

the fish didn't bite until rain had stopped. Fish needed a lot of encouragement before taking the bait deep enough to set the hook. I could feel a slight drag as each fish held the bait. Then by slowly counting to 10, I was assured a hook-up nearly every time.

Slow fishing reported all week, but after some experimenting, I found that anchoring and casting toward the fishing station and very slowly retrieving the bait got the fish into a biting mood. Fluke wanted only small live killies—nothing else worked.

All fish were taken on outgoing tide, which seems best in this place.

Fish—fluke, 1½ to 3 lbs. 12.

Weather—Northeast wind, changing to east on low water. Partial clearing on low water."

As can be seen, I had written a wealth of information that could be used any time I fished the general area. Certainly, I would have to do little experimenting, which, in turn, would save me precious time—and often when we fish, time is of the essence.

But you say, as the fisherman involved you would surely remember how the fish reacted that day—so what's all the flack about writing everything down? Well—I'm sure you would recall the method used to get the fish biting, but would you remember the exact day? It's doubtful unless by coincidence the day had an extra-special meaning all its own: a birthday, for instance. No, don't rely on memory (it is a notorious traitor). Put it all down in black and white.

The exact date is important because on that particular day the fish had some unknown reason for acting as they did. It's quite possible the same conditions may exist each year about the same time, or perhaps in whatever place you may be fishing when you find special methods become necessary to succeed. And don't forget, wind direction and tide play an important part. Would you remember them? Be sure. Put it down!

Incidentally, let me say that for the next three days after that fluke trip, I did follow my advantage and caught fish with the same method and this when no one else was doing well at all. On one of those days, I took 19 good sized fluke, with a five pounder the largest. It was the only method that worked!

When I returned the next weekend, primed to commit mayhem on the fluke population, the fluke had returned to accepting the usual drifted and jigged baits. I caught but one fluke with the method that had produced so well for me only days before. Why? Who knows. Maybe some day we'll find out, but in the meantime, better make up your mind to keep a record book.

Here is an example of the shorter entry that is found throughout my record books. As can be seen, these entries take but minutes to record.

"July 8, 1963...Monday—On the Survivor II out of Island Park. Fishing turned sour after several days of good fishing. Heavy rain all morning. Rough seas. Took three ling and one sea bass on the Stone Barge. Tried off Long Beach for fluke. None. Made a drift in Jones Inlet. Took one average-sized fluke here. Stopped at buoy 20 in Reynold's Channel on the way in and took two more fluke.

Fish: fluke, 1½ to 3½ lbs.—3; ling, 2 lbs.—3; sea bass, 1 lb.—1. Weather—heavy ground swells. Rain on strong east winds.

This entry also contains much information. Reference is made to each individual fishing area, the amount of fish taken from each place, and the weather conditions prevailing—which on this particular day was bad and was probably the reason for the poor fishing.

Notice the word "probably." No fisherman can make a positive statement when dealing with Nature. My records bear me out. For instance: On September 15, 1963, again aboard the Survivor II, we fished the Iberia Wreck off Long Beach. We were forced to cut the day because of strong easterly winds. But this time, the porgies, sea bass, blackfish, plus an occasional monster blue came flying over the rail for the fishermen able to stand up and fish.

Why? Once again, who knows. But for the fisherman deeply interested in Mother Nature and her finny creatures, the keeping of accurate records of his ventures may some day give him the answer.

Many fishermen don't care to keep their records in prose form and some I know have dreamed up a speedy method to save them time and still get in all the essentials. Here's one I've copied from one of my buddy's loose-leaf record book.

1. Number, weight and kinds of fish caught.
2. Water conditions.
3. Atmospheric conditions.
4. Tackle and name of lure (if any).
5. Name of fishing ground.
6. Weather—if extremely unusual.

This method isn't fluid enough for my taste, and there isn't room for the many notations that often count when deciding on future trips. But the fishermen using them seem satisfied, and that's what counts. The choice is yours,

Don't waste time getting started. Do it now! Get yourself a composition book, or something similar, hunt up that pen you put away when Adam was a boy, and develop a style of your own.

One last word: don't rely on memory! Write everything down just as soon as possible. If you don't, you will surely forget the finer points.

When you keep records, you're ahead of the game—you won't wind up using guess-work as so many fishermen do. Believe me, guessing produces few fish.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# TO CATCH A HERRING

## by William A. Muller

**The unassuming herring provides a buffer for surfmen looking to intercept the last of the bass schools.**

Here it is late November and except for school bass, a rare cow bass, and a stray bluefish, most regulars have cut down on the number of trips they make in a week and because it is cold, we probably won't stay out as long as we did in September and October.

Are the possibilities for stripers real? Sure they are and almost every year we run an article in a November issue about where to look, how to catch them, how long the season might hang on. So this year we thought many of you might have taken advantage of these prior discussions, and present ones for that matter, and could be in the mood for something a little different. Thus, we offer the simple and perhaps lowly herring. That's right!

Now, admittedly we offer this thesis with at least part of our tongues in cheeks and we shall not apologize although we are feeling a bit silly. After all folks, the season is over, the competition that was important for some of us earlier, and the drive to pursue hard-fighting fish under reasonable conditions are quickly fading as the north winds barrel through our area, temperatures fall, and snowflakes aren't unheard of.

There are some serious thoughts to be offered here though. First and foremost is the fact that herring are available in the late fall from many beaches and their numbers have been growing steadily for the last few years. Second, even as the school bass thin out it can be possible to make an impressive catch if herring cooperate. Third, you can have a ball with light tackle. Fourth, many people consider these herring to be good eating. Fifth, you can bring the kids along since it isn't necessarily true that this will be hard fishing.

Let's explore some of these items. First, let's look at the fish. We sampled this species last fall and based upon these observations we think the fish is the Atlantic herring or **Clupea harengus**. Our uncertainty results from a lack of total familiarity with this fishery and the fact that other members of this family of fishes are known to come into shallow water in the fall and can be taken on hook and line. In addition, physical differences between some members of this group are minor and one species could be mistaken for another. With these cautions in mind we plunge forward. The Atlantic herring was once the most abundant pelagic fish in the North Atlantic, but has been heavily overharvested. However, management of the herring has been successful and stocks of some species have been building. In the fall (although spawning is also possible during summer and spring) herring move into shallow water to spawn. A single female can desposit up to 40,000 eggs. At the end of one year the young fish are five inches long, are about ten inches at the end of their third year, and generally live four or five years.

Some of the herrings pursue small fishes and crustacea for food although the most common feeding habit is typified in one species—the menhaden or bunker. Bunker strain plankton out of the water with special structural adaptive anatomical mouth apparatus. This is why bunker are often seen in tight schools milling in circles near the surface. It is the habit of chasing after small fishes that makes the herring available to us as a sport fish and, of course, the small fish which attracts their attention in our waters is the sand eel. Perhaps the timing of the arrival of the herring and the departure of blues and larger bass is coincidental, but then perhaps it is not and herring move in close when danger of their own predation is gone. Whatever the reason, we saw evidence that herring are available in good numbers in late november especially along north shore beaches. We were very impressed with catches of ten to twenty herring per man on one trip, although this large catch is the exception and not the rule.

One thing for sure, we have yet to meet a surf fisherman who drives down to the beach for the express purpose of catching herring. The typical game plan is to go down when tide and other conditions are right for bass and hope that one of the last schools of smaller bass can be intercepted as it migrates. These hardy cold resistant surf nuts catch some bass, too, and right into the early weeks of December. Yet it may also be true that as the fish become fewer and fewer as the weather gets colder and colder, the desire and intensity cool and it gets harder and harder to get down to the beach. How convenient then that the herring are moving along the beaches because, in spite of the fact that the herring aren't the first choice, their presence and willingness to hit a small sand eel imitation lure meant for bass can warm a person up real quick-like. Clearly these herring fill the gaps—the cold gaps between bass that are few and far between.

These Eskimo surf men see another advantage to this herring fishing. They are realistic about the possibility for large bass so late and thus they are comfortable with a small spin stick that might be otherwise more common on a spring weakfish trip. Therefore, both the school bass and the herring can be enjoyed. The only hitch to the light tackle plan comes in the form of northerly winds on the north shore that make casting a tough proposition. Therefore, many of these frost-wise hardies keep two rods posted for action. One is a nine or ten footer, a medium spin reel, and twelve to fifteen pound test monofilament. The second rod can be a seven footer, a light action saltwater spin reel, and six to eight pound test monofilament. When the winds blow, gloved hands grab the stouter outfit on the way to the car while light tackle gets the nod when calm reigns. Most of these guys will confess that they often push the use of the light tackle beyond the limits of good common sense, but then, "Look, these aren't thirty pound bass or fifteen pound blues—they're herring, for goodness sake, so if I get blown out, who cares!" Don't mistake that comment as an expression of indifference because no one can put up with wind and cold and snow if they are indifferent. These guys are dead serious about their herring fishing, but they approach the sport with tongue in cheek and they have plenty of FUN.

Lures are another matter. We've seen everything from small bucktails to three ounce diamond jigs work, but clearly a small tin that wiggles like a sand eel will have the edge. Herring respond quickly to shining objects and thus a tin gets the nod over bucktails in my opinion and for that same reason jelly worms might not be a first choice. There is no doubt that strong winds play a part in the stragegy. You simply can't cast a small tin into the teeth of a gale. You'll need something to deliver the mail and that's why guys use diamond jigs or some other large tin. The herring may or may not take that big diamond jig and that's why many fishermen will spice up the offering.

The first style calls for a tube, usually red, to be slid up onto the single hook of a diamond jig. This

apparatus becomes an all in one tool. It will take bass as well as herring. Why? Here's a guess. Either the flash of metal attracts the fish and then the wiggle of the sand eel-like tube makes them take, or in wind-tossed waters the metal jig just disappears in dirty water and what is left is the wiggle of the tube.

A second style calls for the use of anything, even a sinker to get the lure out there while the lure itself becomes the teaser. Among the favorite teasers are Red Gills, Mann's Swimmin' Grubs, and small tins. Single unweighted tubes are also popular and these are pushed up onto a hook that has been bent to make the tube wiggle, a barrel swivel looped onto the eye of the hook, a short monofilament leader tied to the swivel and then tied at its other end to the head of the main leader. The main leader is about eighteen inches long, has a snap tied to one end and a barrel swivel at the other. The main line is tied to the swivel at the eye opposite to where the leader material was tied, and the teaser is tied onto the side of the swivel eye closest to the snap.

We watched these frozen heros catch herring last year and we noticed that the typical retrieve was quite slow and we learned that slow retrieves are a key to success. The herring doesn't appear to be a speedy critter; certainly not having the speed of bass, blues, and weaks, and it isn't wise to take the lure away from them.

We offered earlier that it might be a good idea to take the kids along. That may seem to be a contradiction to some of the frosty statements made elsewhere, yet perhaps it isn't crazy if one tempers the decision to take the kids with a little common sense. Obviously, you can only take those children who are winter hardy. Some kids just don't mind the cold as much as others, but regardless, dress them well. Second, it might be wise to leave all the kids home, regardless of how hardy they are if the wind blows hard enough to bite through twelve layers of clothing. In spite of the fact that it is late November or early December, those days do occur that almost anyone can handle. The saving grace is the light tackle. Kids bundled with everything from sweaters to parkas can find casting difficult. Therefore, the lighter the tackle the easier the cast.

Where to find these silvery fish. Although we have heard of herring from Jones Beach all the way around to City Island, the most consistent action seems to occur from Eaton's Neck to the East in the Sound.

Well thanks for indulging me in this trip through the wheres and why-fors of herring fishing. These fish may not offer top action game fish sport and there may be few of us who know a hell of a lot about how to do it yet, but we are learning and you have to admit this: if significant numbers of these fish show in our waters for the next few years, it is a good way to extend the season a few more weeks.


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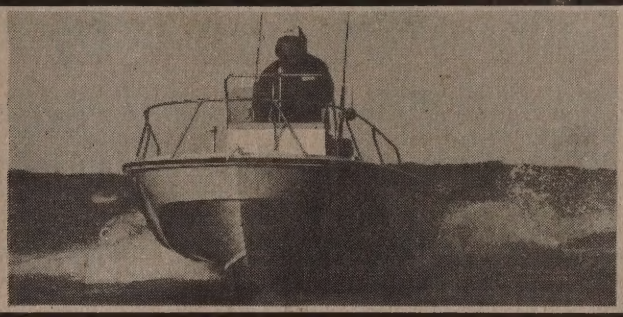

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# IS THERE HOPE FOR THE BLUEFIN?

## Part Two—*by Al Ristori*

Bluefin tuna anglers have just concluded a very strange season. For the first time in over two decades, school tuna were not bothered by purse seiners. Anglers in Virginia enjoyed great fishing as a result, but few schoolies were caught north of there the rest of the season. Giant tuna were never thicker east of Block Island, and intense pressure kept the catch up north of Cape Cod—but New York Metropolitan area fishermen hardly got started when the season was closed. Then, to top things off, Montauk and Point Judith anglers fishing for mediums after the giant tuna season was closed watched as purse seiners wiped out most of the remaining giants in the area.

In a previous article, I explained why the regulations were structured in the way they were, and what the resulting catch was. Now let's look at what the other countries involved in the western Atlantic bluefin tuna fishery have done so far this year—and also at what the status of the stock is.

The Japanese have suddenly become a relatively minor factor in the bluefin situation. They are out of the winter Gulf of Mexico fishery on spawning giants and are limited to 305 metric tons of bluefin this year. That is intended for by-catch in their winter big-eye fishery in the North Atlantic.

It's actually more than they need by past results, though not by a great deal. During the spring and summer, Japanese longliners take very few bluefin in the course of their fishing. A report on 13 vessels fishing 337 days between June 30 and September 30 indicated a catch of only 16 bluefins totalling 1.714 metric tons. It's from November to February that the big bluefin by-catches (primarily mediums) occur in waters off the shelf far to the east. Generally, they're under Canadian jurisdiction at that time—and often in international waters. However, the ICCAT agreement applies anywhere in the western Atlantic.

Only four Japanese vessels are expected to fish in our waters through December 31, but 45 permits have been requested from the Canadian government for after October 15. However, it's common practice for foreign fleets to request more permits than they intend to use. In any case, they are obligated to stop fishing should they exceed their by-catch.

The Canadian domestic fishery is still going on and will probably account for the 250 metric tons they're allocated. The Canadians took practically no cut in the international negotiations conducted in Miami last year, but they had a legitimate reason for holding to their position. They get only giants in their inland waters, and American seiners have been destroying their potential stocks for two decades. In addition, the older giants they fish on are at a point where natural mortality is a real factor—and they have had strict controls on their fishery for many years.

As of October 3, most of the catch has already been made—though the late October/early November fishery for super giants off Canso Causeway is yet to come. The St. Margaret's Bay trap fishery was relatively successful this year. About 200 giants were trapped early in the season and are being fattened on mackerel for slaughter in the fall—when they are at their fattest. At this point 27 have been harvested which averaged 981.8 pounds. However, it should be noted that these are artificially heavy fish due to the heavy feeding and lack of energy expended. The quota is 141 giants, and any other survivors beyond the quota will have to be turned loose at the end of the season. At its peak, in 1977, this fishery had 948 giants impounded.

The rest of the Canadian fishery consists of rod and reel and drift line catches. Only local lobster boats are licensed to participate. Newfoundland was the hotspot in the 60s, but the giants practically disappeared in recent years. Some have returned and the seven fish quota was filled. In the Gulf of St. Lawrence there are three separate quotas. In Quebec 34 out of 41 were boated. New Brunswick exceeded their 52 quota by one. Most of the catch comes from Prince Edward Island, and a late surge that caught the fisheries people unprepared resulted in a harvest of 382—as against a quota of 353. The main Nova Scotia fishery is yet to come, though 14 out of the 60 fish quota were taken this summer. However, that might be increased as the quotas were based on an average fish of 880 pounds. As has been the case in the United States, the average size has actually been lower than during the past several years.

The key question is "where do we

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stand right now?'' Since all the results aren't in as yet, the present forecasts aren't totally up-to-date. Nevertheless, they're the best we have to work with for the critical ICCAT conference in Madeira during early November. Unfortunately, the bottom line doesn't provide much hope for next year or the future.

It should be understood that fishery science is about as accurate as weather forecasting—and a lot worse when it comes to counting oceanic fish. The ''numbers'' are worked up from various statistics (primarily Japanese longline records) which are run through complicated mathematical formulas to come up with information that may, or may not, be reasonably accurate. The problem is that all sorts of assumptions must be made—and there are many methods to pursue. Provide the same data base to 20 respected fishery scientists and they'll probably come up with 20 different answers—some of which will be miles apart.

To give you an idea of what the layman is dealing with in order to decipher this material, I'll quote just a portion of the description of the method used by NMFS scientist Mike Parrish: ''A separate iterative search over a range of possible F' (sa) is made for each cohort. The starting year s is the latest year of catch of that cohort. For most cohorts the starting year is s=1980, but for cohorts 41 to 49, s is earlier than 1980 because they were not caught in 1980. An f' vs. F' relationship will be calculated for each cohort over a period of years previous to s where catch and effort are known. Parrick (1982) used 1962-1979. At each iteration, the total fishing mortality rate is 0000000000 where (000) is the estimate of F' (sa) in the current step of the iteration.'' And then it gets complicated!

As far as I can determine, the official NMFS calculations show only a slightly better picture (after the introduction of revised data) than last year. The situation in the eastern Atlantic is better, with a small improvement in the stock noted there. However, there is little or no improvement in the western Atlantic. Therefore, if one believes in the one-stock theory (the stocks on both sides of the Atlantic intermix freely) the overall picture is no worse than before. On the other hand, the two-stock theory would seem to indicate that stronger measures are necessary off our coast. Whereas Parrick's best case estimate of the eastern Atlantic population indicates a surplus production of about 500 metric tons next year, the western Atlantic best case looks like a negative 2500 metric tons. Other possible calculations run from a plus 500 to a minus 6500 tons.

Though there are exceptions to the rule, the two-stock theory is almost certainly correct. Every so often there are tuna from our side who cross to Europe, and much less frequently European fish arrive here. In fact, two relatively small tuna tagged in the Bay of Biscay were caught in the western Atlantic this year. Nevertheless, these are rare exceptions only seem to prove that the vast majority of the stocks don't cross the Atlantic.

It should be noted that there was disagreement with Parrick's analysis at the recent meeting of ICCAT (International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas) advisors in Washington, D.C. Dr. Frank Hester, was hired by the handliners and some fish dealers last winter to go over Parrick's work and, not surprisingly, he came up with completely different conclusions. By calculating on a different basis, Hester estimates that the bluefin biomass in the western Atlantic is up to 60,000 metric tons and that it would be safe for us to harvest a greater level than at present. He concedes the small fish are still in bad shape, but asserts that we have nothing to lose in catching the bigger fish. The basic problem there is that the giant fishery is becoming more oriented toward smaller fish (particularly off Block Island) which are just becoming spawners and will contribute heavily for many years.

The government has hired independent scientists to check out both methods and come up with a solution. Dr. Saul Salia, of the University of Rhode Island (a respected fishery biologist as well as a mathematician) seemed to lean toward Parrick's analysis, though he said he still had to work with the latest data to come up with realistic figures. At least he was able to deal with a fundamental question which I brought up relative to the actual fecundity of tuna at various ages. We all know that super giants have many more eggs than young spawners, but in many fish it's the young spawners which have the most viable eggs. Dr. Salia said his studies indicated that the five to eight-year-old fish probably are responsible for at least 50% of the tuna spawned—a situation that could have important implications for our management programs.

Another point of view on the tuna stocks was provided by Roger Hillhouse, a purse seiner owner who does the aerial spotting. Roger claims that this fall he sighted the greatest number of 40-100 pound school tuna on the surface since 1976 (when the great '73 year class was in that category). He claims to have spotted 2500 to 2600 tons of these fish, and heard of great numbers of ''zeros'' (young-of-the-year fish) off Oregon Inlet recently. Bill Fox, director of the NMFS Southeast Lab, noted that such relative abundance might be the result of no purse seining on them this year! By the way, Hillhouse also stated that due to cold, discolored inshore waters this summer, all the school bluefins stayed offshore in at least 50 fathoms.

In the next article we'll discuss the advice given to the ICCAT commissioners, and what you should be doing to improve the situation for next year.


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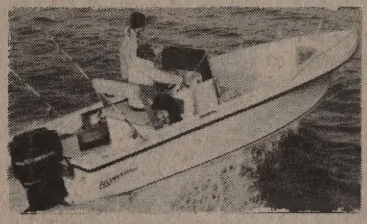
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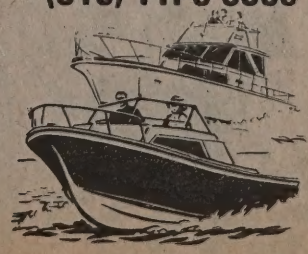

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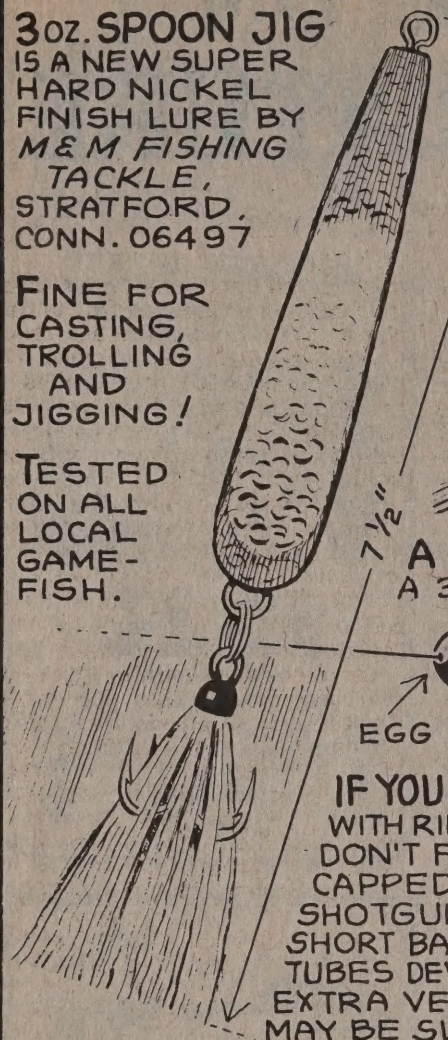


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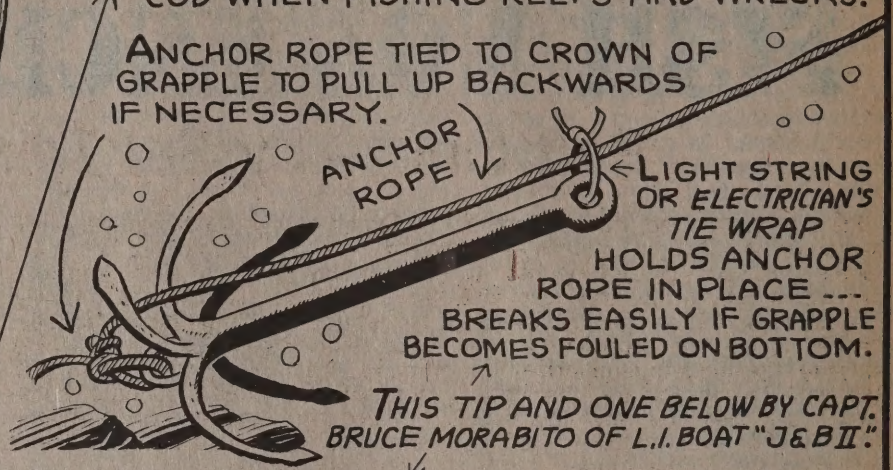


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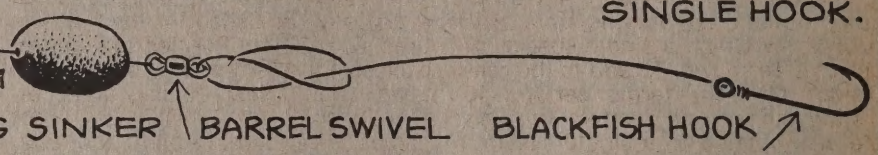


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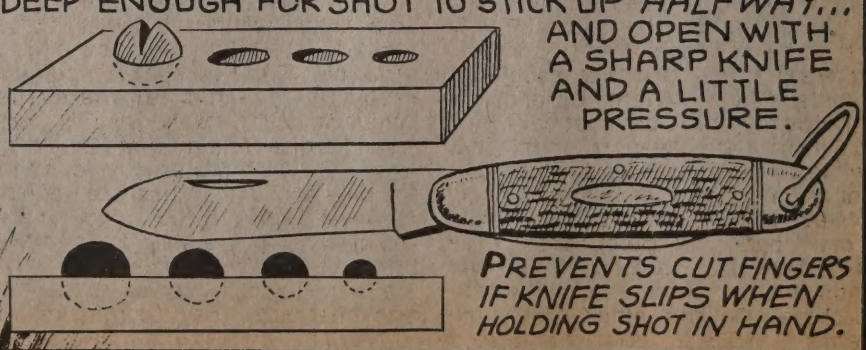

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# A TREATISE ON FISH NOMENCLATURE

## Part One — *by Sal Terranova*

Like any specialized field, whether computer technology, medicine, or tennis, the sport of angling has its own particular vocabulary. This fact makes it imperative for anyone who desires to become proficient in the sport to take steps to familiarize himself with the vocabulary. Piscatorial jargon can describe anything even remotely connected with fishing including techniques, lures, tackle, tidal conditions, and much more. One facet of the vernacular that often confounds beginners are the many colloquial terms, often varying from area to area, by which a single species of fish may be known. To add to the confusion, different terms serving to distinguish size and habitat variations are also applied to a single species. An example of this would be terms such as "SNAPPER" and "GORILLA," both referring to bluefish, but which differentiate between juvenile blues six to ten inches long, (snappers), and very large blues, those 15 pounds or larger (gorillas).

Since a complete listing of all terms pertaining to angling would fill a volume, this article will focus solely on the names applied to our most popular local species. Hopefully, this should help towards clearing up any confusion that exists among neophyte anglers. Even though veteran anglers are certainly familiar with most of these terms, they will find the derivations to be of interest.

Before we proceed, let's make one thing perfectly clear, as a well-known former politican was fond of saying. In some cases, there often isn't a clear-cut distinction as far as the meaning of a particular term is concerned. The definition may also vary from area to area; thus, we will be forced here to draw some arbitrary guidelines which everyone will not necessarily agree with. As an example, a 14 lb. bluefish caught aboard a Sheepshead Bay party boat in July would be viewed as a real "gorilla," whereas a fish that size caught at Montauk's Cartwright Grounds in October would be just another bluefish. Let's keep in mind that while some names have been around for as long as anyone can remember, others come and go. The terms "cow" bass and "humpback" porgy have been used to describe outsized individuals of those two species for decades. On the other hand, the terms "goldies," used to described weakfish; and "gorillagator," applied to jumbo bluefish are relatively new terms that may or may not become a permanent part of the angler's lexicon. Also, some once-popular terms such as "dinner plate" porgies, used to describe large two and three pound porgies, seem to be fading into obscurity. So, let us expound on some of these terms that can drive anyone daffy and attempt to put things into proper perspective.

Let's start our rundown with bottom fish. Porgies are among the most popular of these, and just about everybody has fished for them at one time or another. Porgies are **almost** exclusively referred to as such in the Long Island/New Jersey area, although they are known by other names elsewhere. About the only other name this fish may be called in our area is "scup," and that occurrence would be unusual. Scup is popular up in New England where the term originated and is a shortened form of "scuppaug," which was the Indian name for the creature. Variations of this name are Northern Scup and Common Scup. South of Cape May, New Jersey, and down to Chesapeake Bay, the porgy may be known as "fair maid," "maiden," and "ironside," as well as "porgy," "pogey," or "paugy"—all three latter terms being variations on a theme. Rest assured you will never hear these names in our region, and whether down South or up New England way, it's pretty much either "porgy" or "scup." However, in New England, our popular baitfish known as "bunker"—a/k/a menhaden (**Brevoortia tyrannis**) is often known as "pogy." So, if you find yourself fishing up there, it may be wise to stick to "scup" instead of porgy to avoid confusion. Scientists have tagged the little bugger "Stenotomus chrysops."

In our area, the porgy has a host of size/habitat distinctive names; those most frequently employed being sand, bay, and "humpback" porgies respectively. This is where the confusion starts. "Sand porgies" are small porgies running a half pound or less, and which are usually found in the bays and shallow, inshore waters. However, since these midgets are sometimes found among their larger brethren on deeper, offshore grounds, the term logically serves to denote size difference. "Bay" porgies refers to medium-size fish in the 3/4 to 1¼ lb. class, which, as the name indicates are found in the deeper bays such as the Peconics; although, as in the case above, "bay" porgies are also found offshore amidst larger porgies. The name "humpback" porgy refers to the biggest variety of the silver-sided scrappers, fish going two pounds or better and which frequent offshore grounds and wrecks in deep water. "Humpback" refers to the fleshy "hump" which is located just above their heads. Large porgies like these are also known respectively as "ocean," "sea," and "dinner plate" porgies; but the last term, as mentioned before, is seldom used any more.

Let us now turn our attention to the sea bass. The sea bass is known as **Centropristes striatus** to the scientific community and as common "sea bass" or "black sea bass" to fishermen. However, the fish is normally known as just "sea bass" hereabouts. At the southern end of the fish's range in Chesapeake Bay and the Carolinas, the sea bass is known by a plethora of colloqual names, the usage of most of these terms being so geographically restricted or obscure that they are not worth mentioning, for you will probably never hear them. However, two Southern names for the sea bass bear mentioning since other popular fish are known by the same names. Thus, to avoid confusion, let us proceed. The names are "blackfish" and "rockfish" or "rock bass," the latter two being what striped bass are more commonly known as in the Chesapeake Bay area. Our blackfish is usually known as tautog in the DelMarVa area, but not always. If you find yourself angling below the Mason-Dixon Line, keep in mind that if the tackle shop owner informs you that rockfish or blackfish are biting, he may mean stripers, blackfish or sea bass.

Meanwhile, back up north, small sea bass running under a half pound or so, are sometimes known as pin bass. Where this name originated, I have no idea. In any case, it's not too often heard any more. Jumbo sea bass in the three and four pound class are known as "humpback" sea bass, same as big porgies. This name also refers to a fleshy hump on the back of the fish just above the head, and is characteristic of large male sea bass.

Continuing with the bottom dwellers, we come to the blackfish, a species that separates the men from the boys as far as bottom bouncers are

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**While many may differ as to whether this fish should be called a "snowshoe," or a "sea flounder," or a "flattie," none can dispute that this 2 lb. plus flounder caught off Breezy Point, is indeed a fine example of its species.**

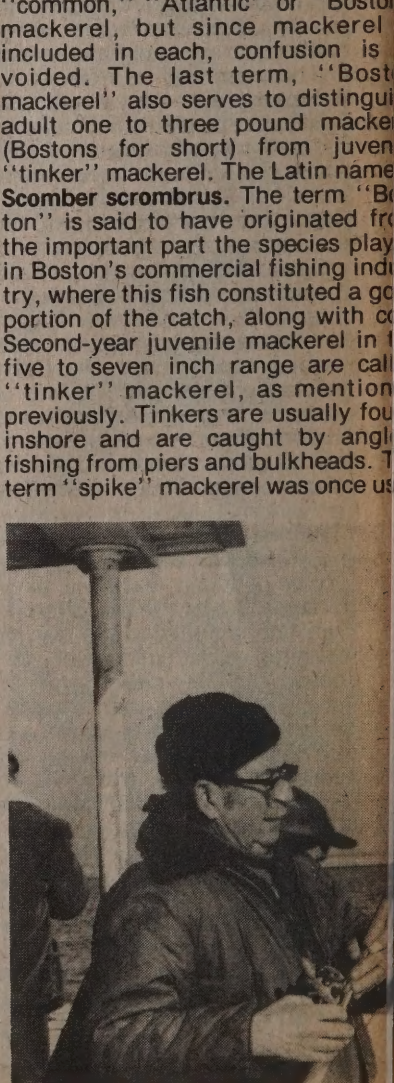
concerned. Blackfish are universally known as such in these parts, but you may occasionally hear them called "tautog," which is what they are known as in New England and Virginia. "Tautog" is the Indian name for the fish. There are some other names for blackfish, such as "whitechin" and "oysterfish." However, these names are so colloquial and/or archaic that they are not worth remembering. As far as size distinction is concerned, the term most often used locally is "bulldog" which refers to huge blacks that run eight to ten pounds and up in size. One may assume that the term is derived from a combination of the appearance of a large blackfish, which, with a not-so-long stretch of the imagination, can be said to resemble a bulldog; and it's fighting qualities which also are similar to the tenacious, rough and tumble tactics of a bulldog. In case there are any future ichtyologists out there, the scientific moniker is **Tautoga onitis.**

Ling are known as **Urophycis chuss** to the scientific community, and ling to just about anybody else. Commercial fishermen, however, often refer to the ling as "red hake" or just plain "hake," which one may confuse with a close relative, the "white hake." The white hake is a sort of oversized ling often caught, along with cod, on deep offshore wrecks such as the Andrea Doria. To further complicate matters, the white hake is often referred to as "hake" also. If you keep this in mind, this should avoid the remote possibility of misidentification that could arise here. The ling is sometimes tagged "squirrel hake," but, again, the chance of coming across this term in actual usage is remote. If you should travel to other parts of the country, it may be wise to keep in mind that the name "ling" is applied to several totally unrelated species, depending on where your path leads you. Down South, the hard-fighting cobia is also known as "ling." In California and throughout the Pacific Northwest there is a fish called the **Pacific cultus** and is best described as a cross between a cod and a sea robin. It, too, is known as "ling." Last but not least, there is a freshwater hake-like fish which is known as a ling, but is better known as "burbot" or "lawyer," the latter term quite possibly proving offensive to members of the legal profession if they should ever have the misfortune of gazing upon this creature. Getting back to our ling, there are no terms attached to the fish that distinguish size or habitat. At one time, ling were derisively labeled "Coney Island trout," due to the fact that they were a popular item with anglers fishing off of Coney Island's Steeplechase Pier, but that was quite awhile ago and you will be hard-pressed to hear this term come from anyone's lips today excepting an old-timer. Sticking to "ling" should prove well enough, for that is what practially all local anglers term the critter.

That frequent companion of the ling, the whiting, is best known as such around these parts, even though he can rightfully be called "silver hake." This latter term is usually employed by ichthyologists and commercial fishing concerns but rarely, if ever, by sport fishermen. The Latin name is **Merluccius bilinearis.** Although this situation is not likely to present itself, you may want it known for posterity's sake that the fish known to us as "kingfish" (not to be confused with the king mackerel, a/k/a kingfish of Southern waters!) which is caught in our Long Island bays during the summer, is known as "whiting" or "northern whiting" down South. Bear this in mind if you ever find yourself fishing off a North Carolina pier in July and the locals inform you that "whiting" are biting!

So much for confusing synonym "Baseball bat" is one popular ter which is used to describe larg whiting running three and fou pounds. Since the average whitin runs between a pound or two, fis pushing three and four pounds are n at all common and therefore a worthy of this special name tag. Th term seems to be derived from th tapered club-like shape of the body a large whiting, which, with a stret of the imagination, can be said resemble a baseball bat. It is like that you will hear this phrase use aboard Sheepshead Bay party boat where it apparently originated; ho ever, it seems not to be as comm elsewhere.

Though by no means a bottom fis I have elected to include macker here at this point, for this fish is oft associated and caught on the sam grounds along with whiting, and lin Mackerel is the name by which th fish is best known and this is probab one of the few instances where la men, scientists and both sport a commercial fishermen all agree on t name of a fish. This considered, th denizen of the deep is also known "common," "Atlantic" or "Bosto mackerel, but since mackerel included in each, confusion is voided. The last term, "Bost mackerel" also serves to distingui adult one to three pound macke (Bostons for short) from juven "tinker" mackerel. The Latin name **Scomber scrombrus.** The term "B ton" is said to have originated fr the important part the species play in Boston's commercial fishing ind try, where this fish constituted a go portion of the catch, along with c Second-year juvenile mackerel in five to seven inch range are cal "tinker" mackerel, as mention previously. Tinkers are usually fou inshore and are caught by angl fishing from piers and bulkheads. T term "spike" mackerel was once us



**Everyone will agree that this ti and should be returned to the looking angler aboard a Freep**

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Codfish are pretty much universally
nown as such, or just plain cod,
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ncestry, refer to a cod as a
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ained a certain measure of popular-
y among anglers, regardless of
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sson. The Spanish and Portuguese
ames for cod are "bacallao" and
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e Italian, and obviously, this
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Average-sized cod in the four to ten
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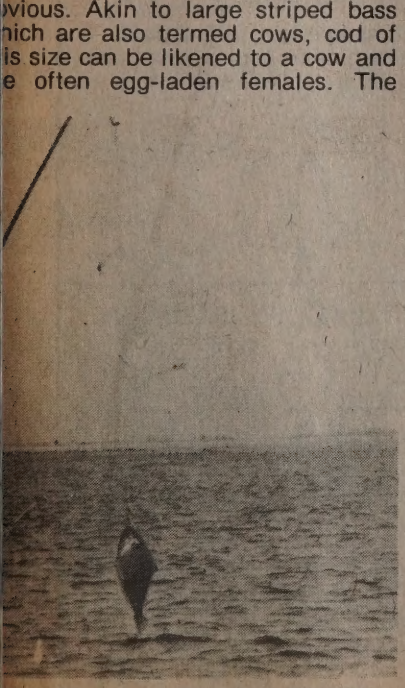

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**Anywhere on Long Island, this 11 lb. bluefish, though not a "gorilla," would be considered a good-sized fish. However, at Montauk's famed Cartwright Grounds in the Fall, it is very likely this fish would be among the smallest of a day's catch, and thus considered almost a "runt." This fish was taken by a surfcaster working the Brooklyn shore line near the Verrazano Bridge.**

term "hanger" has a more interesting derivation. It is said to have first been used by Montauk party boat skippers and mates who routinely "hang" the pool winner and other large cod caught that day from the bottom of pilot house deck for all to see when the boat docks. These cod, caught by customers aboard the boat, are thus displayed to entice prospective customers at dockside to sail aboard the vessel the following day. Since only large cod get this treatment, "hanger" has become synonymous for large cod.

Those well known marine oddities, the flounder and its cousin, the fluke, are quite probably the most sought after bottom fish in our Long Island waters. Thus, it would stand to reason that such immense popularity would have engendered a host of nicknames for this duo, but curiously, this is not the case. The smaller of the two, the flounder, is best known by that name. It's Latin name is **Pseudopleuronectes Americanus.** Flounder are also known as "winter flounder," "blackbacks," "mud dab," "lemon sole," and "flatties." Of these names, you may often hear "winter flounder, and/or flatties," but the others are rarely heard. Very small flounder are known as "postage stamps." One look at such an undersized fish and you will know how the latter term originated. Very large flounder running from three to five pounds in weight are dubbed "snowshoe flounder." These are fish that are caught offshore in the spring, mostly in the Montauk area. Since most flounder are caught in the bays, this term also serves to distinguish between habitats. Flounder in the two to three pound range are sometimes called "sea flounder" by certain anglers, whether or not they are caught in a bay or the ocean. "Bay flounder" is sometimes used to describe the generally smaller fish caught in the bays, even though such fish are sometimes found on inshore ocean grounds. Both these terms are so indistinct that I recommend you not use them and thus avoid confusion. To further illustrate, "sea flounder" is sometimes used to describe the yellowtail flounder (a/k/a rusty dab), a similar but separate species of flatfish sometimes caught along with flounder on ocean grounds. Sticking to flounder, and postage stamp or snowshoe flounder to denote very small or very big fish, will avoid confusion.

The flounder's big cousins are best known to us as fluke and **Paraclithys dentatus** to the marine biologists. The fish is also known as "summer flounder" or just "flounder" down south to Virginia and further north of here. However, in northern New Jersey and Long Island, "fluke" is the unanimous choice among anglers. In New York State waters, any fluke that is under 14 inches in length is illegal to keep and must be returned to the water. Therefore, fluke falling under the limit are obviously known as "shorts" because they do not make the required length. A fluke that makes the limit is, obviously, called a "keeper," and this term is also usually applied to all average-size fluke up to, say 17 or 18 inches. Extremely large fluke running upward of eight to ten pounds have been known as "doormats" since time immemorial, and I hope I don't have to tell you why they are known as such However, since doormat fluke seem to have become scarce in recent years, the term "mini-mat" has evolved to describe fluke in the four to eight pound class which are more abundant than bona fide doormats.

Now that we have covered most of the popular bottom fish here in Part I of this article, stay tuned for Part II in which we will cover all the various names and size/distinction terms for our more popular game fish.

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# East End Report

**by Stu Miller**

## MONTAUK

Stripers continue to dominate with continued very good catches of bluefish, blacks and flounders. Captain Mike Potts with the charter boat **Blue Fin I** told of good bassing all week. Tuesday morning's charter had 17 stripers. For the Busch group of NYC, 17 stripers was again the score on Wednesday morning and the same number of stripers again Saturday morning for the Connolly Group of NYC. Saturday's afternoon trip saw 12 bass taken for the Fischman group. The score Sunday was 20 stripers and a few blues. This was mostly on umbrellas with a few fish hitting diamond jigs. Captain John Potts on the **Blue Fin I** fish the Galasso group on Wednesday accounting for 30 striped bass, five of which went over 30 lbs. Thursday's haul for the Fetky charter was 23 stripers, while Saturday's for the Foster group hoisted 25 bass. Fishing was all around the Point and Mike says that the very decent striped bass season continues to unfold.

Captain Paul Forsberg's **Viking Fleet** advised that while the codfishing has been good to very good Monday through Friday, it did slip on the weekend due to conditions. However, cod, blacks and some huge porgies in the 3 lb. class were caught by fares who worked at it.

**John Von Stade (center wearing glasses) bested this 371 lb. swordfish aboard the Montauk charter boat "Blue Fin IV" back on July 30.**

**Mark, George and John loaded up on big blues and several bass, including this 42 lber., while diamond jigging aboard the Montauk charter boat, "Caprice."**

Aboard the charter boat **My Mate**, Sunday's half day trip for Jerry G and pals from the Bronx had stripers of 15 and 17 lbs. and 38 big blues, 12 to 17 lbs. fishing the south side. Skipper Joe McBride wishes to thank his customers for a good season and says he'll see you in '83.

Aboard the charter boat **Julie III** Captain Ron and pal Bob Santiago socked it to the flatties in Montauk Harbor Saturday and Sunday, accounting for 142 flounder all on clam bait.

Capt. Mike of the charter boat **Montauk** has also been having continued good striped bass angling for his customers, with 41 stripers as the week's total with fish going up to 31 lbs. on umbrellas and diamonds. Sunday's party had 7 more bass and a mess of alligator blues. Fishing is all around the Point.

Captain Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** advises the stripers are still biting their heads off. A trip for the Bay Village Inn group managed 18 stripers with a few in the 20-30 lb. range. Saturday's afternoon trip had 10 stripers. Sunday's trip for John McGloin, NJ and group filled the box with 32 bass, 8-15 lbs. Phil said he will be making full day trips only for the rest of the season, just fishing the one best tide. Umbrellas accounted for the above mentioned fish all around the Point.

Maureen at **Gone Fishing Marina** called to say that blues and bass are still being taken at the Point on either trolled umbrellas or diamond jigs. Good catches of flounder are still being made in Lake Montauk. On Sunday, Capt. Bill Ricca of the charter boat **Alyssa Ann** along with Gene Ritter hoisted 31 blackfish up to 6 lbs. at Little Gull Island. They ended up working Lake Montauk and hoisted a nice catch of flounders up to 2 lbs.

## SOUTH FORK

The **Sag Harbor** head boat **Wilhelric II** continues to have excellent blackfishing. Really super catches said skipper Artie Latch and the best season he can remember. On Saturday Pedro Loran, LIC, filled his bucket with 38 blackfish to 10 lbs. at the north side of Big Gull on green crabs. Artie says he will be sailing every day this week, including Thursday and Friday, Nov. 11 and 12. The two last trips for the season will be Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 20 and 21. However, the boat will NOT saill November 15-19. Blackfishing aficionadoes should note that all pool winning blackfish have been 10 pounders and up.

# South Shore Report

**by Fred Golofaro**

## EAST END BAYS & INLETS

Flounder fishing in Moriches Bay remains very much worth the effort. While numbers are not exceptionally high, the quality of the fish combined with decent sized catches have made the fishing worthwhile. Reports from **Seatuck Cove Fishing Staion** in **Eastport**, as well as a trio of **East Moriches** Fishing Staions indicate that the best scores are being made between Haven's Point and the buoy 41-42 area. Everyone I spoke to emphasized the need for heavy mussel chum if you are looking to rack up a nice score of these big fish, many of which are in the 1-2 pound range. On Sunday, Fred Cramer and Eli Pepper returned to **Skidmore's Fishing Station** with 47 flatties up to 2¼ pounds. Same day, Stan Bigora and Terry Stoner racked up 61 flounder.

**This huge 60 lb. cod, taken by Garey Guerriro of Mineola, was a recent pool winner aboard the "Viking Star." It was taken at Coxes Ledge.**

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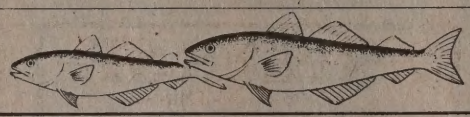

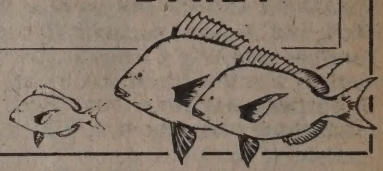

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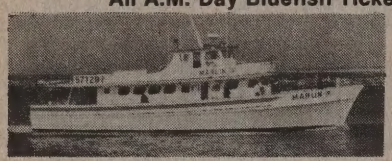

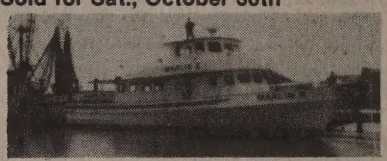

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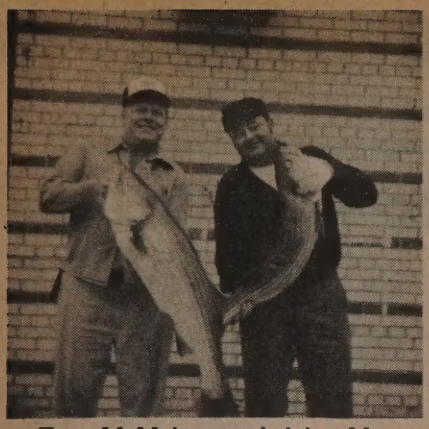

Tom McMahon and John McGern with bass of 31 and 25 lbs. trolled along with 30 blues at Montauk on Tom's boat Red Top. Subscriber photo.

Jim DeVita of Skidmore's reminded that there are still crabs in the mouth of Seatuck Cove on rings but added that depending on weather and the demand for boats, this coming weekend may be the last for the season. He suggested phoning ahead if you are planing a trip out.

Gary Grunseich of **Silly Lilly Fishing Staion** looked over a catch of 48 flounder to 2½ pounds for George and Pat Schinneller made during the week. Gerry and John Baumeister had 79 flatties in the 1-2½ pound class on Sunday.

Larry at **L & M Marine** had a fine catch of flatties to report which were taken at Haven's Point as well as at Buoy 7A. LIF Subscribers Henry Cohen and Dave and Louis Feniger, all Brooklyn, checked in 91 flounder to 2 pounds from last week's trip.

## GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

The eastern sector of Great South Bay appears to finally have a substantial fall flounder run after several poor seasons in a row. Paul Graniello at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** said that while the Patchogue and Blue Point docks continue to produce a pretty fair showing of flatties, he was more enthused about the showing of fish in the Bay off of Blue Point and Sayville. Paul spoke to several clammers who told of doing a pretty good job on nice size flatties on an almost daily basis. Clams and worms have been effective on the fish. He also noted that several Captree open boats have been working down in this area of the bay.

Dave Canale at **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** spoke of a pretty good showing of flounder off of Heckscher and Sayville this past week. Largest flattie to come to Dave's attention was one taken off Heckscher by George Kessler. It weighed 2 pounds, 12 ounces. Worms and clams have been taking a number of nice size fish although there have been quite a few

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small fish mixed in. Dave reminded that there should still be a couple of good weeks left for a shot at a big striper. He still has a good stock of live eels for anyone looking to take a shot at the stripers. On the freshwater scene, Dave told of lots of 10-14 inch trout being taken out of Bubbles Falls and Rattlesnake Creek and he reminded that there is a 9" minimum size limit on tidal waters for brooks, browns, and rainbows. C.O.'s have been checking on a regular basis, so know the rules.

Ocean wrecks south of Fire Island Inlet continue to produce very good blackfishing. Charlie Kennedy of the **Captree** open boat **Captain Joseph II** said that they are taking plenty of blacks in the 2-8 pound range along with some nice sea bass and an occasional cod. George Charalambous clicked with a huge sea bass of 5.2 pounds on Saturday's trip while on Sunday, Ray Accurri topped all the blackfish entries with a 12 pound pool winning cod. Both days produced very good blackfish action. The skipper said that he will stay on the blackfish run through this coming weekend due to the current demand for this fishing.

Capt. Gordon Roman of the open boat **Captree Queen** said that until he begins codfishing on Friday, November 19th, 6AM, he will be sailing full day trips for flounder-7AM daily. Gordon has been working off of Heckscher and to the east of there with fairly good results.

Capt. George Bomback who has been skippering the open boat **Capt. Rod** is encouraged by the abundance of small flounder in the bay this fall. He expects that it can only bode well for a good spring run. Flatfish action this past week was pretty fair with a lot of small fish and a decent number of large fish mixed in. The Capt. Rod will continue on the flounder run until Thanksgiving.

Capt. Speedy Hubert of the open boat **Speedy VII** said that codfishing got off to a good start this season with 40 cod taken on Saturday's trip and 78 on Sunday's. Most fish range between 7 and 18 pounds although the pool fish each day was in the 30 pound class. Looks like we may be in for a very good cod season according to the skipper who now has both the Speedy VI and VII on the cod hunt. (See ad for details.) All codfish action this weekend was on the wrecks and Speedy reminded that big blues are still around to add to the action.

Ski Kochanski of **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon** said that there were some good flounder scores made during the week although the weekend was labelled a fair pick with most boat averaging between 10 and 20 fish apiece. Best spots were off of the sewer plant and the State Channel near Gilgo. Those fish that are being taken are nice size with very few throwbacks. Dick Svoboda aboard the **Babylon Tuna Club** boat Miss Marion had one of the weekend's better flounder scores in this area with 30 fish to 2 pounds taken off the sewer plant. Another club boat, Bob Schwartz's Pride and Joy worked an offshore wreck to the tune of 20 big blues up to 17.13 pounds on Sunday.

**Ten-year-old Tracy Lemerise with some nice blues trolled outside of Shinnecock Inlet on the family boat Roccus Saxatilis. Subscriber photo.**

## SOUTH OYSTER BAY

Reports from this area were very difficult to come by this week with the only report coming from Jim Watt at

**Matt and John Viol took these 60 flounder and 44 blue claws at Haven's Pt. in Moriches Bay. Fishing was done out of Skidmore's Fishing Station.**

This teen-size chopper taken by Ed Aebly was a pool winner aboard the Captree open boat "Capt. Joseph II."

**Merrick Tackle** in **Bellmore**. Jim knew that boatmen were making some decent flounder scores in rowboat alley and at the S Turn this past week. Both worms and red dyed clams were working and clam or mussel chum remains the key to a better catch. Many of the flatties have been good size with a fair number of 1 pound class flatties being taken. Jim also told of weighing in some blacks in the 5-6 pound range over the weekend. These came from fares who fished aboard an unspecified open boat.

# Western South Shore Report

**by Stu Miller**

## WEST END BAYS & INLETS

A super start for cod on the **Super Spray II** according to Capt. Jim Lanzaretta. Saturday's cod trip with a very light crowd scored with approximately 175 cod. Mike Hammond and two friends accounted for over 60 of these fish and the pool fish ran approximately 50 lbs. On Sunday Bob Rojas was high hook with 8 cod, with the day's catch totaling roughly 125 cod. The pool fish Sunday went in the 50s also. Fares also had porgies to 3 lbs. and sea bass to 5 lbs. There were many double headers on the porgies and Saturday the boat was back to the dock at 2:30 pm so good


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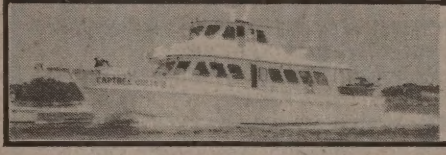

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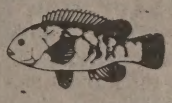

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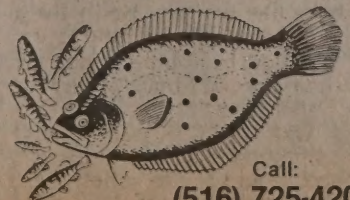

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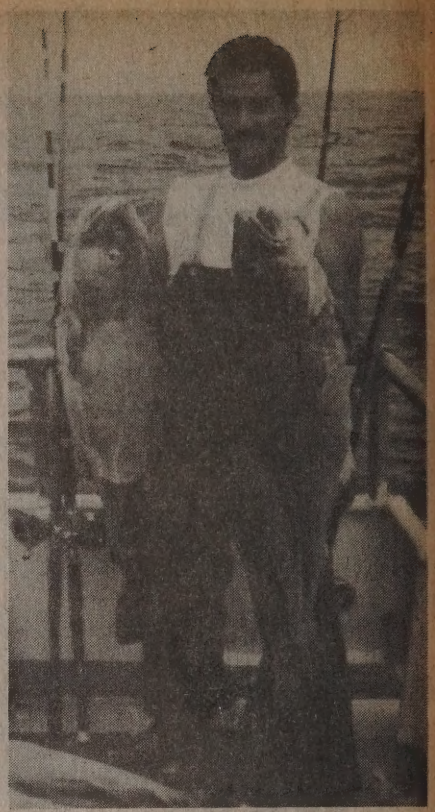

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Captain Richie's **StarStream II** having completed a tremendous bluefishing season is now switching to cod, sailing 5AM daily, with the exception of Nov. 11, when the boat will sail at 4AM. The boat's last cod wreck trip saw fish to 40 lbs. taken and pollack to 30 lbs. Richie says it looks like a very good codding season ahead.

The **Capt. Al** has certainly started the codfishing off with a tremendous bang. On Saturday, Ralph Turco of Brooklyn was high hook with 11 cod including a 47 lber. and a 37 lber. (Wow). On SundayDan Chiapper and Pat MacDonald split the pool with two 37 lbers. Scott Phillips of Freeport hoisted 12 cod. The catch was roughly 100 cod each day with large blues and sea bass mixed in. Several 3 lb. porgies were taken and the sea bass are going up to 6 lbs. A few large blackfish have been mixed in as well and Al says the wrecks are alive. Sunday saw three double headers of cod and blues and two doubles Saturday. Tuesday and Wednesday saw probably the most magnificent bluefishing of the season.

From Captain Mike of the **Captain Lou Fleet**, we hear that Wednesday through Friday saw the flounder action pick up quite a bit with fish running one half to 2 lbs., though things on the weekend slid a bit. On the half day boat **CL IV** a good catch was made late in the afternoon Saturday. Steve MacMahon of Whitestone had 30. Bob and Sam Shimmel, Kew Gardens Hills, had 43 flatties. Dan Noham had 25 flounder. Howie Goldstein of Kew Gardens hoisted 23, while Mike Gray of Oceanside lifted 21 flatties. Reuben and Naomi shared 37 fish, while Mrs. Pearl had 30. High hooks during the week were in the thirties for the full day boat **CL III**. Catches should increase again this week. The fish are there and are spawning.

Aboard the **Aloma II** fares have been enjoying excellent blackfishing mostly on the weekend, with a couple of small cod mixed in. Catches are averaging 20-40 blackfish a man, up to 8 lbs. There are a lot of 4-5 lb. fish. Flounder have been up and down said Capt. Tony of the **Miss Freeport**, but the weekend saw a definite increase in the week's catch. High hooks have been as much as 25 fish and they're running up to 2 lbs. Starting Nov. 26th, the boat will be switching to cod.

Over at **Lou's Fishing Station** at the foot of Woodcleft Canal, Lou confirmed the solid catches of cod, flounder and blacks being taken on the open and private boats. Bluefishing is still fantastic said Lou at Cholera. The boat the Four Queens fished 17 Fathoms and had fantastic blackfishing, keeping 160 on Saturday.

In **Point Lookout**, the charter boat **Marie III** trolled white umbrellas just off the bottom Saturday between Jones and Debs and had a mixed catch of blues and bass to 15 lbs. Best was just west of the west bar out of Jones. Sunday's charter for the Post Fishing Club, Lindenhurst bailed jumbo Cholera bluefish of the dinosaur variety to 19 lbs. 12 oz. on bunker backs fished on the bottom with a sinker rig. The doggies outnumbered the blues 5-1. Customers also had a few sea bass to 2 lbs., and

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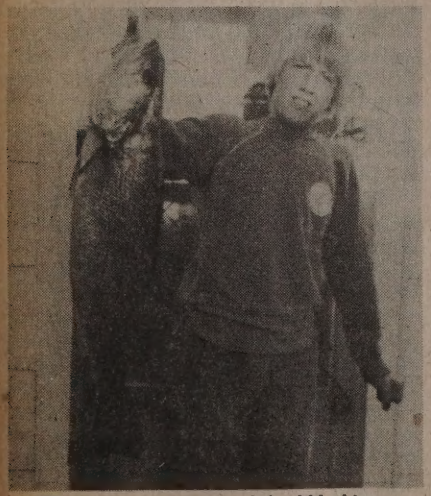

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the average catch of blues was 8-12 a man. Due to their extreme size, two fish were lost for every one boated. The skipper said he still had a few openings for the open cod trip sailing Nov. 20 and 21.

Captain Walt of the **Miss Point Lookout**, painted a very much improved picture on the flounder catches this week with a lot of 1½ and 1¾ lbers. being caught. Some trips were picky and some were very productive. Tuesday's afternoon trip had roughly 200 flounder on the flood. Pete Slossen of Queens hoisted 18 flounder while Lewis and George had 25 between them. Sunday morning was another excellent trip with catches going from 12 to 20 fish a man on the flood. High hook was 44 flounder for Pete Garris.

The **Capt. Bill** had good flounder catches through Thursday, with Thursday being a banner day with lots of doubles. Things were slower on the weekend and a lot more smaller fish showed up also. Saturday's high hook was 10 flounder on each trip.

**Beckman's Tackle** in **Lynbrook** reported the flounder catches of the week as being "so-so." You must work hard and chumming is absolutely necessary. Best areas were the cement block in Reynolds Channel and the creek mouths. Blackfishing remains good with best areas being East Rockaway Inlet stones and the Silver Point Jetty and Jones Inlet rocks. The bridges have slowed down. Plenty of crabs all over, browns and calicos. •

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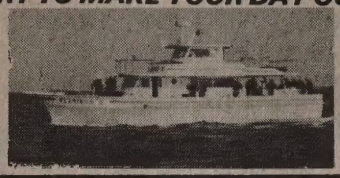

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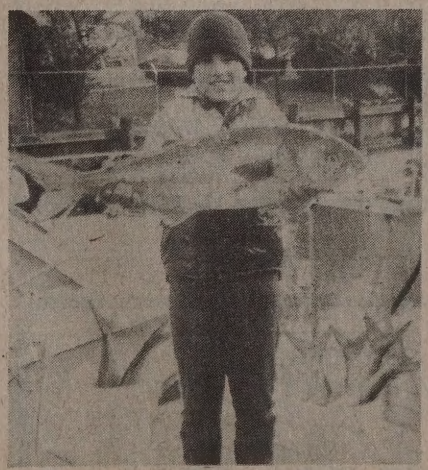
These are schoolies and a lot of undersized fish which, of course, should be returned to the water. Blacks remain excellent on the artificial reef off Rockaway with a good number of 7 lbers. being brought in. Green crab is the trick. Flounder have been inconsistent this week but try Crooked Creek, Duck Point and Hog Channel.

Out of **Island Park,** the **Commodore** had a fair Saturday and a spotty Sunday on the flatfish, though Sunday's average was 12-15 flounder a man by the end of the day. Captain Clem says the fish are loaded with roe or milt and spawning may be foremost in their fishy little minds. There have also been very strong currents and there are loads of crabs on the inside.

At **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** in **Atlantic Beach** the blackfishing has thinned out at the AB Bridge. Best flounder fishing has been at the Cedarhurst Yacht Club creeks and at Duck Point on worms. On Saturday, Fred Hill's Four Queens skippered by Vic Genduso fished 17 Fathoms and loaded up on blacks along with some cod, pollack and sea bass. They went back Sunday and repeated the same catch. This was all on green crabs. Kermit Wolpin fishing a Lupo Bunker Spoon along the bottom scored with 38 lb. 12 oz. bass working 1½ miles off Long Beach in 21' of water.

## NEW YORK BIGHT

Over in **East Rockaway, Skippy's Bait and Tackle** also told of lots of blackfish being caught with inshore wrecks and the jetties being very productive. Bluefish are still being caught all along the beaches with occasional bass on bait, plugs and tins. Flounder have been hot and cold with best areas this past week Duck Point, and just to the west in the flats.



**Twelve-yr.-old Patrick Balsome made his first bluefish a memorable one. The 18 lber. was caught aboard the Patricia II at Cholera. Subscriber photo.**

**Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** in **Jamaica Bay** said the biggest thing there this past week are the flounder catches being made on both tides off both the north and south channel bridges on bloodworms.

Over in **Sheepshead Bay** we learned that aboard the **Elsie K III** that 15 to 35 stripers are being taken each day by fares. On Saturday, nine customers accounted for 19 stripers. On Sunday, wind versus tide dictated no drifting until the end of the day, at which time a few stripers were caught. All these fish are being caught on white Nordic eels and the skipper expects November to continue to be a very productive striped bass month on his boat.

Captain Fred Ardolino of the **Amberjack V** informed us that his Nov. 2nd offshore cod wreck trip saw an excellent catch made in the neighborhood of 250-300 cod with a 52 lber. bagging the pool. Fares also hoisted jumbo sea bass and it was regarded by all as an excellent trip. The catch was all on clam bait. Next scheduled trips are Nov. 11 and Nov.

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Captain Butch of the **Zephyr** has been making customers happy with excellent catches of blackfish. On slow days catches run 10-25 fish a man, while on better days they are more like 15-45 fish a man, and the catches are consistent with fish running up to 10 lbs. The boat is working Seabright and 17 Fathoms, utilizing green crab in anywhere from 40 to 120 feet of water. Some ling are starting to show also and they also had one small cod at Seabright.

Hank Bauer fishing aboard the new Ranger this past week had 25 blackfish to 10 lbs. at 17 Fathoms.

Over in **Staten Island**, **Santo's Sport Shop** told of excellent flounder fishing off Stapleton Piers Nos. 16, 17 and 18, ranging from babies to 1¼ lbers. on worms. There are also some 10 to 12 inch tommy cod plus excellent numbers of blue claw crabs. Just a few bass have been picked off Cliff Street, South Beach, Penny Beach and Fort Wadsworth. There have been rumors of a 43 lber. taken off Annandale, and a 32 lber. at Princess Bay.

# North Shore Report

**by Marty Garrell**

With blackfish moving into deeper waters, flounder is the small boater's choice on the bottom, especially in sheltered areas. School bass have become the

**Eight-year-old Tom Lee Jr. caught this 9 lb. weak on an Ava 47 jig at the Tin Can Grounds, south of the Rockaways. Subscriber photo.**

**Michael Anderson and Erich Jung checked in this catch of four weaks to 7½ lbs. at Skippy's Bait & Tackle in East Rockaway.**

mainstay of the sport fishing fleets with a few blues lingering in some areas. Cold, blustery weather on the Sound made last weekend's fishing difficult with only passable results for all but the largest boats.

## WESTERN SOUND

**John's Gun & Tackle** in New Rochelle mentioned decent flounder action in all local, shallow areas. Outgoing water was reasonable on clams while worms produced on incoming. Most flatties are 3/4 lb.

**Jack's Bait & Tackle** on City Island said that blackfishing was good prior to the weekend cold snap off Pea Island, Execution Light, and Huckleberry. Fish were off deep reefs in 20-25' of water. Wind versus tide situations over the weekend made anglers reach for sinkers of 3/4 lb. or more. Small tomcod have joined the flounder in the bays now.

Dave Watt at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** spoke of flounder catches up to 40 per boat. Bass fishing was good until the cold weather, with local sharpie Red Scanlon producing a brace of 20's. Watt suggests trying some bait now for bass, and informed us that there were still mackerel and bunker around.

Pete Pearson said that the **Klondike VIII** out of New Rochelle switched between bass on jigs and tautog on crabs over the weekend. On Saturday the boat had 15 bass and on Sunday 30 off Lloyd's and Eaton's. Simple jigs in 4 oz. sizes with no tails, handled on a moderate retrieve for 4-5 turns, then dropped back, produced the fish which were generally 4-8 lbs. Pearson plans to stay in the water until January when the East River freezes up, and he looks forward to some codfishing before then.

Dom Cerbone told us that the **Apache** from City Island was busy off the Norwalk Islands on big blackfish in 70' of water. Typical catches run 5-20 per fare, and many fish are in the 5-10 lb. class. Slack water is best, but the boat has been able to find smaller fish inshore when tides run full. Now, however, as the water cools, deeper water will afford the only fishing and the tough tides next week mean that anglers will "have to put the lead on."

Catches of 8-10 tautog in the 5-8 lb. class were common aboard the **Lady Lil III** out of Glen Cove last week with some of the fish even taken on soft bait. Also, Frank Ackley is just about finished with small boat charters for the season with the **Tarpon.**

## NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Early morning and late afternoon action off Eaton's Buoys 13, 15 and the Obstruction Buoy was excellent for bass at times last week, according to Ronnie Ferraro at **Ronnie's,** Bob Cedar at **Huntington Prop,** and **4 Winds** as well. Fish run anywhere up to 12 lbs. with a number of 8-10 lb. bass. One bluefish among 10 bass was the norm. Tony Vernola and Russ Helfer on the **Snake-O** had a catch of 12 bass. We heard that Tiger Tails did well for a while, but that action switched back to jigs and umbrellas later in the week. Red, white and black tubes all had their innings, and some even suggest the use of a Cape Cod Spinner down the center of the umbrella. Best blackfish spot is around 11B when you can get there, and Crescent Beach and Huntington Harbor are very good for flounder. Worms and clam chum produce many flatties to 3/4 lb. flounder.

Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** in Northport has weighed a number of blackfish to 10 lbs. during the week and feels that most of the blues have gone. He advises bass anglers to try umbrellas early, around 6 AM, then switch to jigs later.

The **Caraftis Fishing Station** in Port Jeff has pulled its boats and expects to close the doors late this week. There are still flounder in the Harbor with blackfish outside on nice days off Mount Misery and Oldfield.

Dick Brown at **Dick's** in Mount Sinai watched a lot of schoolie bass in the 7-12 lb. range come from the shoals off Buoy 11 on Thursday and Friday. The AVA 007 jig and tube combo scored very well.

With the **Ever Ready** down for the season due to a cracked block, Packy Collins has been inviting regulars who call ahead to try the smaller **Packy IV** and **Broker** and fill spots that would otherwise be private charters. Except for private charters, Collins will be wrapping things up next weekend. Five charters this week did best by wire line trolling with umbrellas. Catches ranged all the way up to 24 bass per day. Some fish are already in small 2-3 lb. sizes with an occasional 8-9 lb. linesider.

John Fisher informed us that the **Aqua-Gem** from Port Jeff was blown out during the cold weekend, but that a weekday outing did yield pretty good blackfish action on the Middle Grounds and off the Shoreham Pipe. Fisher has concluded his season.

## NORTH FORK

Ed Kopack at **Warren's** in Aquebogue reported fine flounder fishing off Indian Island and at the mouth of the Peconic River with some catches of 20-25 fish over 3/4 lbs. Worms are the featured bait. Blues over 6 lbs. with an occasional slammer to 12 have been spotted with a group of schoolie bass which seem to be barely legal lately.

Jim Dunkirk said that the **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** put no boats out of Orient over the weekend, but that private boats off the north side of Plum Island showed up with catches of 30 blacks on hermit crabs in 50-60' of water. One giant tautog weighed 11 lbs. Scalloping activity has given a shot in the arm to the flounder fishing off East Marion, and results have also been consistent off Dering Harbor; Long Beach and Orient are also worth a try. The Port of Egypt will be renting boats for one more weekend.

Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in Greenport has weighed a number of 8-9 lb. blackfish over the course of the week and tells us that the **Brand X** and the **Peconic Star** will be working on the big tautog through next Sunday. There is good flounder action just about everywhere, according to White, who cited Petty's, the Greenport Jet-

**Three-year-old Kathleen Pratnicki poses alongside her first fish, taken on a family outing back in September.**

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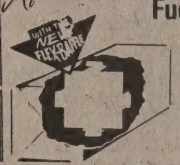
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ty and local creeks for fish in a variety of sizes.

The **Nancy Ann** will conclude her season with a pair of charters next weekend. Richie Jensen pulled 15 bass on Saturday before turning his attention to tautog. Sunday was rough on all hands, but John Rainis of the **Blue Albatross** still holds high hopes for the next weeks as he continues to sail as an open boat on weekdays. Rainish spent last week off Little Gull and the Indian Grounds and pulled a pair of 6 lb. cod on crabs among the blackfish. Rainis really wants a crack at the Sound codfish before calling it a season.

# Surf Report

## by Fred Golofaro

The surf fishing picture remained bright this past week along much of the south shore with bluefish still providing nearly all of the action.

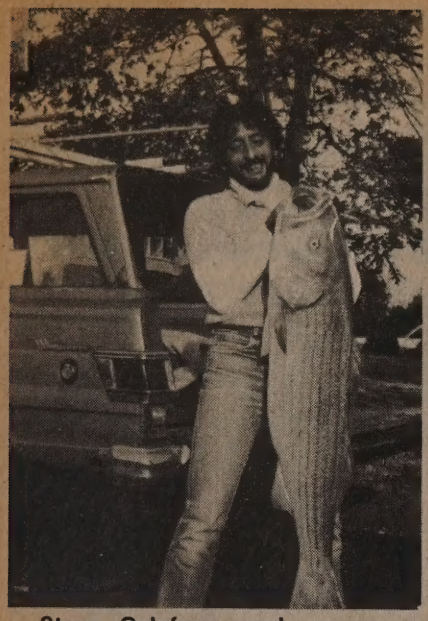
Montauk wavered this week after last week's showing of bass but I would still cast my vote for the Point when it comes to closing out the season with a big striper.

North shore reports were virtually impossible to come by but from what little bits I could gather, it seems that there is some sporadic action with school bass spread from Bayville all the way to Rocky Point. From Rocky Point east to Hortons Point, some blues remain in the picture along with school bass.

Here's a look at how things shaped up.

Barry Howell, a relative newcomer to surf fishing who only 2 weeks ago caught his first bass from the surf, had the thrill of a lifetime last Monday night when he tangled with a 43 pound cow from one of the Rockaway jetties. Barry who hails from Brooklyn asked that I extend his special thanks to regulars Pete and Doug for their coaching and assistance during his bout with the fish. The big striper was taken on outgoing water on a 5½ inch blackback floating Red Fin with a Red Gill teaser. It was weighed at **Stella Maris Bait and Tackle** in **Sheepshead Bay**.

A lot of small blues most in the 1-3 pound class seem to be well established in the Jones Beach surf at both West End II and Parking Field #6. An occasional slammer is still mixed with the small blues according to Charlie Beckmann of **Beckmann's Tackle Shop** in **Lynbrook**. The past few days have also seen some bass in the 6-9 pound class mixed with the blues. Hopkins, Kastmasters and 7½" Rebel swimmers have all been accounting for some good scores. Charlie knew that some bass are



Steve Golofaro used an unweighted live eel to comb this 40 lb. striper out of the south shore surf back in October. The big cow was checked in at Peppy's Bait & Tackle in East Islip.

being taken from Atlantic Beach, Long Beach and the Rockaways but had no specifics.

In the **Long Beach** area, Bernie Haag confirmed that there has been some bass action. He looked over a trio of stripers in the teens taken on plugs Thursday evening around dusk at Georgia Ave. He also knew that a few schoolies are being taken early each morning but added that its not enough to get excited about.

Jim Watt of **Merrick Tackle** confirmed Charlie Beckmann's report of lots of small blues at West End during this past week. He added too that a few bass were mixed with the blues each morning. They ranged from schoolies into the teens.

Robert Moses State Park, particularly parking field 4, continued to get a heavy play from the surf crowd this past week and especially over the weekend. Blues from 2 on up to 18 pounds pleased casters on most days although the fishing has been far from a slaughter. While bait appears to have an edge in the big fish department, casters throwing tin have also taken some very respectable choppers. Frank Hay used a #4 Hopkins to nail a 16¾ pound blue at midday Saturday, while his partner Nick Russo had 4 lesser blues on tin as well. Several sources indicated to me that some casters scored heavily Saturday morning with one report of two casters totaling over 30 blues. The action did not repeat on Sunday with only a handful of fish being taken for a horde of casters. Going back to Thursday, LIF Managing Editor, "Doc" Muller used bait to put an 18 pound slammer on the beach here. He had a few other very respectable fish

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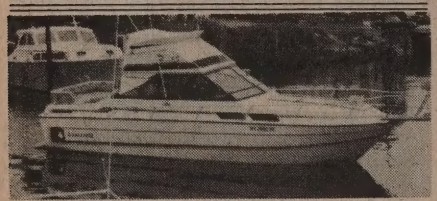

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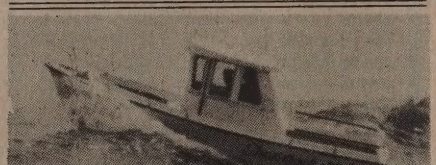

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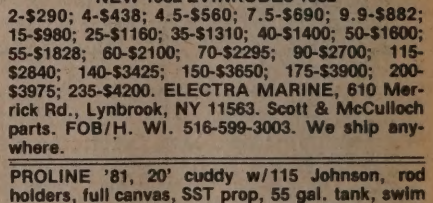

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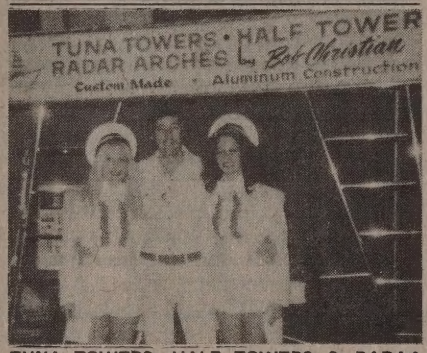


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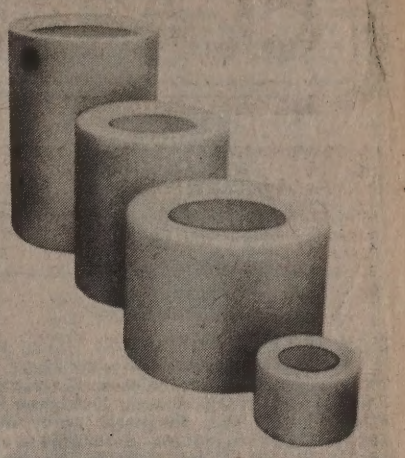

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Dave Canale of **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** was another to relay word of action over at Robert Moses. He knew of big blues taken on bunker chunks, mackerel chunks, live eels and eel chunks at fields 2, 3 and 4. He also reported a couple of bass to ten pounds taken at field 2 near the end of last week. Dave reminded that the shop has a good stock of live eels on hand for anyone looking for them.

Working our way out to the **Moriches** area, the National Seashore stretch of beach west of Smith Point continued to provide action this week. Small blues in the 1-2 pound range dominated the scene early in the week but towards the end of the week and into the weekend the biggest kind of blues again put in an appearance. A couple of school bass were mixed in as well. There was also action to the east of Smith Point on the County Beach opposite Great Gun. Greg Maynard put a 17 pound blue on the scale Sunday morning. Great South Bay Anglers Club Member Richie Schroeder clicked with a 17½ pound chopper this weekend and I was told by a very reliable source that a member of the Patchogue Fishing Club, name unknown took a chopper a shade over 19 pounds on the weekend. Paul remarked about the tremendous amount of bait (sand eels) spread along the beach from Moriches Inlet all the way down to the Fire Island Piers.

A note from Marty Gagliano of Center Moriches told of a huge blue of 21 pounds taken at Smith Point on tin. In addition to this monster, Marty had blues of 14, 8 and 6 pounds. An interesting side note to that 21 pounder was that it took the Moriches angler 300 yards down the beach before he was able to beach it.

Blues remain spread along the sand beaches from Southampton to Hampton Bays but bass news was lacking this past week according to Thom at **Speck's Tackle Shop** in **Southampton**. The only bass Thom weighed during the week was a 38¾ pounder taken by Dave Mims of Shirley on a live eel.

As I already said, Montauk fizzled this weekend but I'm sure its only a temporary lull. Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop** in **Montauk** offered pretty much the same sentiments considering that the boats had been doing a job on the fish which seemed to be just out of range of casters. John said that Friday was pretty much unfishable due to the heave and that only a few small bass in the 8-10 pound range were taken Saturday night. He had no word of any activity Sunday PM. Other than that, at least one wetsuiter had some action on weakfish rock at dusk and into the early part of the night. No specifics on this, however.

A pair of Striper Surf Club members did manage a trio of teen size stripers earlier in the week at Montauk. The club's publicity man, John Christianson reported that Leif Gobel took a 19½ pound striper while new club member Chris Sztorc took bass of 13 and 14½ pounds. While most club members have suffered through a drought of bass at the Cape, a couple of nice fish were taken last week. Peter Cane, another new member clicked with a 49½ pound striper while John Melanchek took a 32.

News from the North Shore was scant to say the least with most casters apparently concentrating on their efforts on the South Shore. One report I did have from the north shore came from Stan Henschel at **Rocky Point Fishing Stop**. Stan said that there are still small blues in the 2-4 pound class roaming the beaches from Rocky Point east with an occasional slammer mixed in. There are a few flurries of school bass during the week with most of the activity centered around low water. Richie Ranien, Jr. did manage to cull a 16 pound striper from the beach at Hallock Landing.

I had varying reports of Horton's Point providing a mixture of bluefish and school bass action. Depending on the source, fishing ranged from a slow pick to fairly steady fishing. Whatever the case may be, Horton's should be a pretty safe bet for the next couple of weeks.

# High Tide Tables

## How to use tide tables:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or **subtract** the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet...–0 50" is listed under "ON SANDY HOOK." –0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6 hours to this figure.

| DAY | SANDY HOOK AM | SANDY HOOK PM | Breakwater Harbor AM | Breakwater Harbor PM | NEW YORK AM | NEW YORK PM | NEW LONDON AM | NEW LONDON PM | WILLETS POINT AM | WILLETS POINT PM | BRIDGE-PORT AM | BRIDGE-PORT PM | NEWPORT AM | NEWPORT PM | DATE |
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| THUR. | 4:20 | 4:40 | 5:10 | 5:25 | 4:55 | 5:15 | 5:55 | 6:20 | 8:25 | 8:50 | 7:40 | 8:10 | 4:05 | 4:25 | 11/11 |
| FRI. | 5:10 | 5:30 | 6:00 | 6:20 | 5:50 | 6:10 | 6:45 | 7:10 | 9:10 | 9:40 | 8:35 | 9:00 | 4:55 | 5:15 | 11/12 |
| SAT. | 6:00 | 6:15 | 6:50 | 7:05 | 6:35 | 6:55 | 7:30 | 8:00 | 10:00 | 10:25 | 9:20 | 9:45 | 5:40 | 6:05 | 11/13 |
| SUN. | 6:40 | 6:55 | 7:30 | 7:50 | 7:15 | 7:35 | 8:10 | 8:35 | 10:40 | 11:10 | 10:05 | 10:30 | 6:25 | 6:45 | 11/14 |
| MON. | 7:20 | 7:35 | 8:10 | 8:30 | 8:00 | 8:15 | 8:50 | 9:20 | 11:20 | 11:50 | 10:45 | 11:15 | 7:05 | 7:25 | 11/15 |
| TUE. | 7:55 | 8:10 | 8:45 | 9:05 | 8:35 | 9:00 | 9:25 | 9:55 | 11:55 | – | 11:25 | 11:50 | 7:50 | 8:10 | 11/16 |
| WED. | 8:35 | 8:50 | 9:25 | 9:45 | 9:15 | 9:40 | 10:05 | 10:35 | 12:25 | 12:20 | – | 12:05 | 8:25 | 8:50 | 11/17 |
| THUR. | 9:10 | 9:30 | 10:00 | 10:25 | 9:55 | 10:20 | 10:40 | 11:20 | 12:55 | 12:40 | 12:35 | 12:40 | 9:10 | 9:30 | 11/18 |

## On SANDY HOOK

| | |
|---|---|
| STATEN ISLAND | +0 27 |
| ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS | –0 01 |
| Red Bank, Navesink, R.I. | +0 48 |
| Long Branch | –0 34 |
| SHARK RIVER INLET | –0 18 |
| Shark River Basin | +0 27 |
| MANASQUAN INLET | –0 12 |
| Seaside Park | –0 33 |
| Mantoloking zbridge | +5 34 |
| TOMS RIVER | +4 37 |
| Waretown | +2 33 |
| BARNEGAT LIGHT | –0 20 |
| Manahawkin Bridge | +2 33 |
| Beach Haven | +1 47 |
| LITTLE EGG INLET | –0 01 |
| Seven Islands | +0 12 |
| Graveling Point | +1 05 |
| Mullica River | +1 55 |
| Grassy Bay | +1 08 |
| ABSECON INLET | +0 14 |
| Atlantic City Pier | –0 26 |
| Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet | +0 12 |
| GREAT EGG HARBOR | +0 46 |
| CORSON INLET | +0 09 |
| TOWNESEND INLET | +0 06 |
| HEREFORD INLET | +0 02 |
| Grassy Sound Bridge | +0 45 |
| Cape May Harbor | –0 02 |
| Rehoboth Beach | –0 07 |
| INDIAN RIVER INLET | +0 14 |
| SHINNECOCK INLET | –0 50 |
| Shinnecock Bay | +1 25 |
| East Quogue | +2 45 |
| Shinnecock Canal | +1 18 |
| Indian Reservation | +3 05 |
| MORICHES INLET | –0 56 |
| Smith's Point | +3 28 |
| Harts Cove | +1 30 |
| Pontunck Point | +3 35 |
| Mastic Beach | +3 28 |
| FIRE ISLAND INLET | –0 38 |
| Democrat Point | –0 38 |
| Coast Guard Station | –0 19 |
| Fire Island Light | +0 47 |
| GREAT SOUTH BAY | |
| Sayville | +3 39 |
| Heckscher State Pk. | +3 20 |
| Bay Shore | +2 23 |
| Babylon | +2 12 |
| Amityville | +2 21 |
| JONES INLET | –0 19 |
| Zachs Bay | +1 25 |
| Seaford Harbor | +2 05 |
| Freeport Creek | +0 34 |
| E. ROCKAWAY INLET | –0 06 |
| Long Beach Bridge | +0 19 |
| ROCKAWAY INLET | –0 00 |
| Beach Ch. Bridge | +0 38 |
| JFK Airport | +0 26 |

## On BRIDGEPORT

| | |
|---|---|
| Lloyd Point | +0 08 |
| Cold Spring Harbor | +0 08 |
| Bayville Bridge | +0 13 |
| Eatons Neck Point | +0 03 |
| Northport Bay | +0 03 |
| Norwalk Islands | +0 10 |
| Smithtown Bay | –0 03 |
| Cranes Neck Point | +0 05 |
| Port Jefferson Harbor | +0 03 |
| New Haven Harbor | +0 08 |
| Mount Sinai Harbor | –0 08 |
| Herod Point | –0 07 |
| Mattituck Inlet | +0 19 |
| Horton Point | –0 20 |
| Truman Beach | –0 42 |
| Falkner Island | –0 13 |
| Sachem Head | –0 10 |
| Branford Harbor | –0 07 |
| New Haven Harbor | –0 08 |
| Milford Harbor | –0 07 |
| Stratford | +0 27 |
| Shelton | +1 36 |
| Black Rock Harbor | –0 03 |
| Saugatuck River | –0 01 |
| South Norwalk | +0 10 |
| Greens Ledge | –0 01 |
| Stamford | +0 04 |
| Cos Cob Harbor | +0 06 |
| Greenwich | +0 02 |

## On NEW LONDON

| | |
|---|---|
| Orient Point | +0 27 |
| Little Gull Is. (Race) | +0 12 |
| Greenport | +1 04 |
| Southold | +1 43 |
| New Suffolk | +2 26 |
| South Jamesport | +2 32 |
| Shinnecock Canal | +2 33 |
| Noyack Bay | +2 05 |
| Sag Harbor | +0 59 |
| Gardiners Bay | +0 21 |
| Promised Land | –0 14 |
| Montauk Inlet | –0 25 |
| Montauk Point | –1 13 |
| Niantic | +1 20 |
| Stonington | –0 33 |
| Noank, Mystic River | –0 23 |
| THAMES RIVER | |
| Smith Cove | –0 01 |
| Norwich | +0 09 |
| CONNECTICUT RIVER | |
| Saybrook jetty | +1 10 |
| Lyme | +1 24 |
| Essex | +1 38 |
| East Haddam | +2 41 |
| Higganum Creek | +2 54 |

## On WILLETS PT.

| | |
|---|---|
| Little Neck Bay | –0 10 |
| Execution Light | –0 06 |
| Manhasset Bay | –0 01 |
| Hempstead Harbor | –0 11 |
| City Island | –0 03 |
| Rye Beach | –0 28 |
| Port Chester | –0 09 |
| Mamaroneck | –0 08 |
| New Rocheele | –0 24 |
| Davids Island | –0 02 |

## On B'WATER HB.

| | |
|---|---|
| CAPE MAY POINT | –0 10 |
| Miami Beach | +1 17 |
| East Point | +0 53 |
| Egg Island Point | +0 33 |
| Cape Henlopen | –0 05 |
| ROOSEVELT INLET | +0 09 |
| Mispillion River Ent. | +0 33 |
| St. Jones River Ent. | +0 57 |

## On NEW YORK

| | |
|---|---|
| Jersey City | +0 07 |
| Geo. Washington Br. | +0 46 |
| Spuyten Duyvil | +0 58 |
| Ossining | +1 53 |
| Peekskill | +2 24 |
| West Point | +3 16 |
| Newburg | +3 42 |

## On NEWPORT

| | |
|---|---|
| Sakonnet | –0 10 |
| Tiverton | +0 21 |
| Beavertail Point | –0 02 |
| Prudence Is., Sandy Pt. | +0 10 |
| Bristol | +0 10 |
| Warren | +0 21 |
| Nayett Point | +0 12 |
| Pawtucket | +0 21 |
| East Greenwich | +0 16 |
| Wickford | +0 12 |
| Narragansett Pier | –0 08 |
| Point Judith Harbor | –0 07 |
| BLOCK ISLAND | |
| Great Salt Pond | +0 05 |
| Old Harbor | –0 14 |
| Watch Hill Point | +0 44 |

## Sunrise/Sunset

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 11/12 | 6:46 | 4:42 |
| 11/13 | 6:47 | 4:41 |
| 11/14 | 6:49 | 4:41 |
| 11/15 | 6:50 | 4:40 |
| 11/16 | 6:51 | 4:39 |
| 11/17 | 6:52 | 4:38 |
| 11/18 | 6:53 | 4:38 |

## Moonrise/Moonset

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 11/12 | 3:18AM | 3:33PM |
| 11/13 | 4:22AM | 4:00PM |
| 11/14 | 5:26AM | 4:28PM |
| 11/15 | 6:29AM | 4:58PM |
| 11/16 | 7:31AM | 5:32PM |
| 11/17 | 8:31AM | 6:10PM |
| 11/18 | 9:28AM | 6:53PM |

## Moon Phases

| NEW | 1st Qtr. | FULL | 2nd Qtr. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 11/16 | 11/23 | 11/1 | 11/8 |


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**SOLUNAR TABLES**
*When To Fish Or Hunt*


The schedule of solunar periods for this week as printed below have been taken from the original ***KNIGHT SOLUNAR TABLES.*** Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type face.

| | AM Minor | AM Major | PM Minor | PM Major |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Thurs. | 1:20 | **7:25** | 1:35 | **7:45** |
| Fri. | 2:00 | **8:05** | 2:15 | **8:30** |
| Sat. | 2:45 | **8:50** | 3:00 | **9:10** |
| Sun. | 3:25 | **9:30** | 3:40 | **9:50** |
| Mon. | 4:05 | **10:10** | 4:20 | **10:35** |
| Tues. | 4:50 | **11:00** | 5:10 | **11:25** |
| Wed. | 5:40 | **11:55** | 6:05 | — |
| Thurs. | 6:30 | **12:20** | 7:00 | **12:45** |

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